

Passage Comprehension Questions

Grade Level	1st Grade			2nd Grade		3rd Grade	
Reader Characteristics	DR1	DR2	DR3	DR4	DR5	TR1	TR2
Type of Assessment	Passages	Passages	Passages	Passages	Passages	Passages	Passages
Interaction with Text	<p>What is the genre of the story/book? How do you know?</p> <p>What are the major differences between books that tell stories and books that give information?</p>	<p>What is the genre of this passage/book? What are the characteristics of this genre that you noticed?</p> <p>What types of illustrations or text features do you notice in this passage/book? Why did the author use that type of illustration or text feature?</p>	<p>Why do you think the author wrote this book/passage? How do you know?</p> <p>What questions did you ask before, during and after reading this passage/book?</p>	<p>What is the genre of this book? What did you do differently while reading to understand this genre better?</p> <p>What descriptive language did the author use? How did it add to your enjoyment or understanding of the book/passage?</p>	<p>What was the most important part of the passage/text? Why do you think that the author included that part?</p> <p>Was this passage/text interesting, funny, or exciting? Tell me why.</p>	<p>How do the setting and plot of the story relate?</p> <p>How can you show the character' different points of view when reading aloud? (different voices)</p> <p>What writing techniques did the author use? (example: question and answer format)</p>	<p>Based on what you know about the genre of this passage/text, what do you think will happen next?</p> <p>How is your point of view different or the same as the narrator or character in the text?</p>

Comprehension of Fiction	<p>Retell <i>important</i> events from the story/book in the order that they happen including character, setting problem, events, and solution.</p> <p>Based on the genre of this story/book, predict what might happen next.</p>	<p>After reading the text, predict what might happen next. What clues from the book/passage or personal experience helped you with this prediction?</p> <p>Summarize the book/passage, selecting the information that you think is important.</p>	<p>Why do you think the character felt _____ or acted _____?</p> <p>Show me where the problem was solved in this story/passage. How do you know?</p>	<p>What was the main problem of this passage/book? What events led up to that problem?</p> <p>Look at the dialogue in the passage/book. What does the dialogue tell you about how the characters are feeling or thinking?</p>	<p>Describe the overall structure of the story, including how the beginning introduces the story and the ending concludes the action.</p> <p>Were there characters who disagreed or saw things differently? If so, describe how the characters were different and why they saw things differently.</p>	<p>How did the main character respond to challenges in this passage/book?</p> <p>How did the character change from _____ to _____? Why?</p>	<p>How would you feel if _____ happened to you? Would you solve the problem in the same way the character did?</p> <p>What is the theme of the story?</p>
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Comprehension of Nonfiction	<p>What information did the diagrams show? How did that help you to understand the passage/book?</p> <p>What new information has been added from reading this passage/book to what you already knew about the topic?</p>	<p>What are some of the text features that helped you find information? In what ways did it/they help?</p> <p>As a question about key details in the passage/book that begins with who, what, when, where, how, or why. What is the answer to your question?</p>	<p>After reading, has the new information that you have learned changed your thinking about the topic? (Have the students clarify their knowledge of the topic.)</p> <p>How was this book/passage organized? Why do you think the author organized it that way?</p>	<p>What did you learn about _____ after reading this book? Show me where you found this information.</p> <p>How do the headings in this passage/text help you?</p>	<p>What are the key ideas of this passage/text? What are the most important details that helped you determine the key idea?</p> <p>Summarize ideas from the story and how they are related.</p>	<p>Explain _____ in your own words.</p> <p>Why are _____ important to us?</p>	<p>What are some facts in this text? What are your opinions? How do you determine what is a fact and what is an option?</p> <p>In your own words what is the main idea of this text? What details from the pictures, words, and text features helped you to determine the main idea?</p>
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