

Challenging Questions to Ask About Reading



--Informational/Non-fiction--

- *What is this selection mainly about?
- *Why is this topic important?
- *What are some of the most important ideas related to this topic?
- *How has the author made it easy for the reader to find information?
- *Why did the author most likely write this text?
- *What does the title tell you about this text?
- *What information is provided through graphic features? (illustrations, maps, charts, diagrams, photographs, etc.)
- *What information is provided through text features? (bold print, key words, italics, captions, labels, etc.)
- *How does this (chart, illustration, map, etc.) help the reader?
- *How can the reader tell that the author's purpose was _____?
- *What details are important to the main idea of the selection?
- *Which sentence from the text best supports the idea that _____?
- *What can you tell from this text?

Tip: Always ask
"How do you
know?" and
follow up with a
discussion!