

## Challenging Questions to Ask About Reading



### --Narrative (any story)--

- \*How is this story like any other story you know?
- \*How is the setting (time and place) important to the story?
- \*How did the author show the passing of time?
- \*What words did the author use to describe the place?
- \*How does the season or time affect the characters or the plot of the story?
- \*Who is the most important character?
- \*How does the author tell us about the character?  
(Hint: Look at what the character does, thinks, says, and what others say about the character.)
- \*Which character changed in the story? How did he/she change?
- \*What is the author's message?
- \*Why did the author most likely write this story?
- \*What is this story mostly about?
- \*What do the illustrations add to the story?
- \*What was the most important problem in the story?
- \*What clues did the author give to help the reader predict the ending?
- \*What lesson does this story teach about life?
- \*What can you tell about this character?
- \*What two or three sentences summarize the whole story?
- \*What are some interesting words, phrases, or sentences?
- \*What words help create a feeling or picture in your mind?
- \*What did the author have to know to write this book?
- \*What did the author do to interest the reader?