

Appendix H4

After-Reading Discussion Starters

Here is a list of questions and prompts to help start a discussion to check for comprehension. Do not feel you need to ask every question. Also, please note that there is a list for fiction text and one for non-fiction text.

Fiction Text

- Start from the beginning of the book and tell me what happened.
- Who was in the story?
- Where did the story take place?
- What was the problem in the story?
- How was the problem solved?
- How did the character's feelings change in the story?
- What does this story remind you of?
- If you were the character, what would you do? Why?
- What happened in the beginning? What happened in the middle? What happened in the end?
- Tell me more about the part when _____.
- Who was the most interesting character? Why?
- Can you think of other ways to solve the problem in the story?
- What do you think the author wanted you to learn/think about in this story?
- What was your favorite part of the book? Why?
- Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

Non-Fiction Text

- What are some new facts you learned from this book?
- What was surprising to learn?
- What are some facts you already knew?
- What did this book remind you of?
- What do you think the author wanted you to learn/think about after reading this book?
- What was your favorite part of the book? Why?
- Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?
- Why do you think a student your age needs to learn about this topic?
- How can you use new knowledge of this topic to learn other new things?