

Year 6 questions and prompts



Questions/prompts

Why do you think the author has chosen a short sentence here? What effect does it have?

What descriptive/figurative language can you spot on this page? Is it a good example? Why?

How has the author made sure that this text is cohesive (sticks together)?

What techniques can you see?

(when reading non-fiction) Can you summarise the main ideas about.....

(when reading fiction) How does the author want the reader to feel about this character?

How do you know?

Why did the author choose to change scene then?

What do you think might have happened between the last scene ending and this scene beginning?

What does character 1 really think about character 2? How do you know?

How does the author let you know what they are really thinking without actually saying it in the text?

Which themes arise throughout this story? When do you first notice them?

Which theme do you think is the most important to the story? Why?

Do you know of any other stories with similar themes?

What emotive language can you see here? How is the author trying to make the reader feel?

Why might they want them to feel this way?

Who is the hero of the story? How do you know they're the hero?

Who is the villain? How do you know?

Are there any characters you are unsure about? Why?

What did you think of the character when you were first introduced to them? Has their behaviour surprised you, why?

When the characters are talking in this scene, do we learn more about them or are they progressing the story?

What type of relationship do the 2 characters have? Use speech to support opinion.

Has your opinion of any of the characters changed when reading the story? Why?

Which parts of the book did you particularly enjoy? Why? Were there any parts which you thought could be improved?

If you could ask the main character a question, what would it be? How would that improve your understanding of the story?

If you could ask the author a question, what would it be? How would that improve your understanding of the story?