### Fiction Prompts for Parents

**Inferring:**
- What inferences can you make about how multiple characters feel about each other in the story? What from the text supports your thinking?
- How did the character change across the story? What are possible reasons that led to the change?
- What events led to the problem of the story? How are they related?
- Why was ____ (event) so significant to the story?
- After thinking about what has happened in the story and your thoughts about it, are there other ways a reader might think about what happened?
- What traits have you discovered the character has? What evidence from the story supports your thinking?
- What is the big idea or message of the text? How is the text organized?
- What caused the character to feel, think, or act the way he/she does? Find evidence.
- What caused the character to do something in the story? Find evidence.
- What kind of person is the character? What have you learned about them from their actions? Show how you know using the book. (text evidence)

**Analyzing:**
- What is the conflict in the story and how did it get resolved? Show me in the book.
- How did the author build interest and suspense across the story? Show me examples in the text.
- How is the setting important in the story?
- What is the author’s purpose for writing this story?
- Did you notice any figurative language in the story? How did it add to the meaning or enjoyment of the story?
- What did you notice about how the writer assigned dialogue?
- What did you notice about the language the author used? How did it add to your enjoyment or understanding?
- What genre is the book i.e. fantasy, realistic fiction, play, traditional literature? How do you know?

**Critiquing:**
- Did the author depict a story that is consistent with life experiences or what you know of the time period in your book?
- How did the author make the text enjoyable?
- How could the characters have behaved differently?
- Do the illustrations help the reader understand the story better? How so?
- What judgment can you make about a character or event in the text? Explain your judgment.

### Non Fiction Prompts for Parents

**Inferring:**
- Are the author’s ideas facts or his/her opinions about the topic?
- What events led to the problem in the text? How are they related?
- Why was ____ (event) so significant?
- After thinking about what has happened in the text and your thoughts about it, are there other ways a reader might think about what happened?
- What caused the problem or outcome in the text?

**Analyzing:**
- Did the author use a variety of genres within the text? Which ones? Show me examples in the text.
- What is the main idea and supporting details?
- What is the author’s purpose for writing this story?
- How is the text organized?
- How did the illustrations support the text?
- What did you notice about the language the author used? How did it add to your enjoyment or understanding?
- What did you notice about the format of the text (author’s craft)? e.g. question and answer format

**Critiquing:**
- How do the graphics add to the quality of the text or provide additional information?
- What qualifications does the author have to write an informational text?
- Do the illustrations help the reader understand the story better? How so?
- Do you agree or disagree with ideas in the text?
- Have you changed your mind after read this text? How so or how not?
- What do you think of this book? What was interesting about it?

*Italicized questions are newly introduced*