Reading Response Question List

**FICTION**

Personal Response

* Why did you choose to read this book?
* Was it the kind of book you expected it to be?
* What did you like about the book? Why?
* What didn’t you like? Why?
* What was your favorite part? Why?
* How did the book make you feel? What did it make you think about?

Characters

* Who were the main characters?
* Did you like them? Why? Why not?
* What other characters did you like? Why?
* What other characters didn’t you like? Why?
* Did the main characters change during the story? How?

Plot

* What problem(s) did the main character(s) have to deal with? How did the character(s) solve the problem(s)?
* Did you like the way the character(s) solved the problem(s)? Why? Why not?
* Did any event(s) surprise you? In what way?
* Did the book end the way you wanted it to? Why do you think so?

Setting

* Where does the story take place?
* When does it take place?
* Is the setting important? How?

Author

* Why do you think the author wrote the book?
* Did you like the way the author wrote the story? Why? Why not?
* Was the author’s language easy or difficult? Explain.
* Did you like any particular words or phrases the author used? Can you find some examples?
* Would you like to read other books by this author?
* If you could talk to the author about the book, what would you say?

**INFORMATIONAL TEXT**

Personal Response

* Why did you choose to read this book?
* Was it the kind of book you expected it to be?
* What did you like about the book? Why?
* What didn’t you like? Why?
* Have you read any other books on this topic? How is this one the same or different?

Content

* What is the book about?
* What important fact(s) did you learn from reading this book?
* What else did you learn?
* What did you learn from the illustrations?
* Did any information surprise you? In what way?
* Did the book give you too much information? Did it give too little?
* Would you like to read more about the topic? Why? Why not?

Organization

* How did the author organize the information?
* Did the organization make it easy or hard to read the book? Explain why.

Author

* Why do you think the author wrote the book?
* What opinions did the author express? Did you agree or disagree with them? Explain.
* Was the author’s language easy or difficult? Explain.
* Would you like to read other books by this author?
* If you could talk to the author about the book, what would you say?

**METACOGNITION**

* What are your strong points as a reader?
* What do you find difficult when you read? How could you work on this?
* What do you do when you don’t understand something you read?
* Is this a just-right book for you?
* Have you made any connections to your reading?
* What are you currently working on as a reader? How can I help you with that?
* What are you going to work on next?