Leaf and Root Questions
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Use this poster to help children learn to articulate the depth of their questioning.

**Surface Thinker**
*Leaf Questions*

- What subject...?
- Where did the author say...?
- When did...?
- In what order...?

- What characters...?
- What happened when...?
- What setting...?

**Deep Thinker**
*Root Questions*

- What's the difference between...?
- Was it right that...?
- What human values...?
- What if you changed...?
- How would you improve...?
- Why does the author...?

- What common theme...?
- How come...?
- Should you...?
- If you were...?
- What was the character feeling...?
- What generalization can you draw...?