

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 characters...?

What happened when...?

What setting...?

What subject...?

Where did the author say...?

When did...?

In what order...?

Deep Thinker

Root Questions

Would you rather...?

What choice would you have made when...?

How would you categorize...?

What common theme...?

How come...?

Should you...?

If you were...?

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 was the character feeling...?

10 What generalization can you draw...