
Reading Comprehension Prompts

Predicting:

- Based on the title and topic, what do I think the reading will be about?

Reflective questioning before reading:

- Why am I reading this?
- What do I expect to learn from the reading?
- How does this relate to my life?
- What do I already know about this topic?

Identifying words and meanings:

- Does that word or passage make sense? Why or why not?
- Do I know something about an unfamiliar word or its context that can help me understand what it means?

Reflective questioning after reading:

- What do I still not understand?
- What do I still want to know?
- What is the most important question I still have about this topic?

Paraphrasing or retelling:

- What was the reading about?
- How would I explain to someone else what I just read?

Summarizing:

- Identify key concepts from the reading and write a summary using these concepts.

Evaluating:

- What do I think is the most important idea that the author presents? Why?
- If I were the author, what would I tell the class about the point I was trying to make?

Reflecting on reading strategy:

- If I were to read this again, what would I do differently knowing what I know now?
- What helped me most to understand the reading and clarify anything that was confusing?
- What other things could I have done?