

Question Guide

As you begin to create your own thought-provoking questions about the literature you are reading, consider the following:

Create questions that:

- are open-ended or require an extended response or explanation.
- are not necessarily answered "right in the text," but require readers to form their own opinion or interpret what they are reading for themselves to arrive at possible answers.
- do not always have a definite answer. Many times literature leaves readers with more questions than answers.
- you are curious about—you may not have an idea formed yet, but you would like to hear what others have to say about the topic.

As you write your questions, think about these ideas:

- Characters and their actions, choices, and consequences
- Problems in the story
- Where and when the story takes place and how it impacts the overall plot
- How you feel about the literature: the characters, how the author wrote, use of language, style of the writing, etc.
- What you understood and what is still confusing to you
- Questions you would ask the character if you were to interview him or her
- The speaker, shape of the text on the page, use of punctuation, word choices, images, and how these elements affected your understanding of the work