

While I Read, I'm Thinking About...

Story Structure

- Where does this story take place?
- Is this story fact or fiction?
- Who are the characters? How are they important to the story?
- What's happening in the beginning/middle/end of the story?
- What do I think is going to happen next?
- What's the problem and what are the characters doing to try to solve it?

Understanding What I'm Reading

- Does this make sense?
- Do I need to go back and reread?
- What do I already know that can help me understand this better?
- If I don't know a word can I read on to figure it out? Is the word like a one that I already know?
- Am I asking question while I read and looking for the answers?

Figuring Things Out on My Own

- Is the author trying to persuade, inform or entertain me?
- Why are the characters acting/talking that way?
- Can I visualize what's going on?
- How do stories like this usually end?
- What are the most important parts?
- What does the author want me to know?

Retelling the Story

- What's the gist/main idea of this story?
- Can I retell the important parts of this story to someone so it makes sense?
- What do I want to remember about what I just read?
- Can I write a summary of this story in ten or fewer sentences?