



Asking Questions & Reading Comprehension



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Anchor Mini-Lessons for Asking Questions

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Readers purposefully and spontaneously ask questions before, during, and after reading. *Grandfather Twilight* by Barbara Berger.

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Readers ask questions for many reasons. (See list of reasons on page 126)

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Readers determine whether the answers to their questions can be found in the text or whether they will need to infer the answer from the text, their background knowledge, and/or an outside source. *The Lotus Seed* by Sherry Garland.

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Readers understand that many of the most intriguing questions are not answered explicitly in the text, but are left to the reader's interpretation. *All I See* by Cynthia Rylant. Questioning webs are a useful strategy.

Pages 131-133

Readers understand that hearing others' questions inspires new ones of their own; likewise, listening to others' answers can also inspire new thinking. *An Angel for Solomon Singer* by Cynthia Rylant (see questions listed on page 133).

Pages 134-135

Readers understand that the process of questioning is used in other areas of their lives, both personal and academic. WONDER BOXES (3-by-5-inch file box filled with "wonder cards" on which to record their questions.) *The Wise Woman and Her Secret* by Eve Merriam.

Suggested Books

All I See

by Cynthia Rylant

Amelia's Road

by Linda Jacobs Altman

An Angel for Solomon Singer

by Cynthia Rylant

Fly Away Home

by Eve Bunting

Grandfather Twilight

by Barbara Berger

The Lotus Seed

by Sherry Garland

Monarch Butterfly

by Gail Gibbons

The Stranger

by Chris Val Allsburg

The Trumpet of the Swan

by E. B. White

Why is the Sky Blue?

by Sally Grindley

The Wise Woman and Her Secret

by Eve Merriam

Yanni Rubbish

by Shulamith Levey Oppenheim

CODE QUESTIONS

B for before reading

D for during reading

A for after reading

CODE ANSWERS

T for rereading and looking for clues in the text

I for inferring

OS for using an outside source