

Reading Question Stem Chart

Word Meaning	Theme	Setting
Which words from paragraph ____ help the reader understand the meaning of the word? In paragraph ____, the word ____ means ____. Which of the following words is a synonym for the word ____? Which of these is an antonym for the word ____? Which words help the reader understand the meaning of the word ____?	Which line best summarizes a theme of the story? How is the theme in this story best revealed? How is the theme best demonstrated? Which sentence expresses a theme of the selection?	How does the [setting] affect [character's] ability to ____? How does the [setting] affect the narrator's feelings toward [character]? Which sentence from the article best helps the reader understand the author's feelings about the setting?
Summary of Main Idea and Supporting Details	Plot Development	Point of View
What is paragraph ____ mainly about? What is this selection mainly about? What is the primary purpose of paragraph ____? Which statement best supports the idea that ____? In paragraph ____, why does [character] say ____? Why is the title of the story appropriate? What is the best summary of paragraph(s) ____? What is the best summary of the selection?	How does the author build suspense? What does the author do at the climax of this story? What surprising plot development occurs in paragraph ____? How does the author develop the article? Why did [character(s)] do ____?	What does the story's point of view allow the reader to understand? Why is the first-person narration a good choice for this story?
Conflict	Characterization	Literary Forms
When does the problem in the story begin? What was the source of the author's conflict with [another character]? What is the basic conflict in paragraph ____? What does [character's] internal conflict stem from? When does [character's] major conflict begin? When does [character's] problem begin? What is one conflict that [character] faces?	Which sentence from the story best conveys [character's] quality? What do the actions of [character] in paragraph ____ disclose? How is ____'s character best revealed? What does [character's] response in paragraph ____ reveal? In paragraph ____, why does [character] ____? Which line from the story best reveals ____?	What is one way this story resembles a fable? What does the author teach by using a parable? In this story, what does ____ symbolize? Which line from the story serves as an example of sarcasm? Why does the author use repetition in paragraph ____? Why does the author introduce the fact that ____? How does the author primarily develop the selection?

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Conflict (continued)	Characterization (continued)	Literary Forms (continued)
Which of the following sentences from the article explains the author's primary conflict?	What do [character's] actions as a boy/girl show? What do [character's] thoughts indicate? How does [character] change from the beginning of this selection to the end?	How does the author build suspense? Why does the author use questions in paragraph ____? Why does the author use a description in paragraph ____? What does the author indicate by using the phrase ____? Which quotation from the selection best summarizes the author's view?
Inferential Thinking	Figurative Language and Symbols	Text Structure, Characteristics, and Historical Context
What does the reader infer from paragraph ____? What inference does paragraph ____ support? What conclusion can be drawn from paragraph ____? Which quotation from paragraph ____ best supports the generalization that ____? In paragraph ____, what is the most likely reason [character] feels ____? What kind of generalizations can be made about ____? What may have been the author's reason for writing this selection? What is the significance of ____? From the tone in the first paragraph, what can the reader tell? What is the primary purpose of the selection? What tone does the author establish? What is the tone of paragraph ____? What can the reader conclude from the selection?	Which line uses metaphor to create a ____ effect? For what is the ____ in paragraph ____ a metaphor? When the author says ____, what is he/she suggesting? Why does the author use the simile ____? How does the author use figurative language to describe ____? How does the author use sensory images to describe ____? The ____ in paragraph ____ symbolizes ____. What does ____ symbolize? Why does [character] respond with figurative language in paragraph ____? Why does the author use exclamation points in paragraph ____? Why does the author use figurative language in paragraph ____?	Which sentence from the selection explains the author's primary conflict? Which audience would probably relate most to the selection's central message? Why does the author change the time frame in paragraph ____? What is the historical context that best contributes to the reader's understanding of paragraph ____? In paragraph ____, what does the author want to emphasize by using the word ____? Why does the author italicize words in the text, such as ____ and ____? How does the author best develop this story? What can the reader conclude about the author? After reading the selection, what is a reasonable prediction? What can the reader tell from the article? How does the historical context affect [character]?