Common Questions for Thoughtful Fiction Interpreters

Common Core Anchor Standards: KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS

1. **Read closely** to determine what the text says **explicitly** and to **make logical inferences** from it; **cite specific textual evidence** when writing or speaking to **support conclusions** drawn from the text.

2. **Determine central ideas or themes** of a text and **analyze their development**; **summarize the key supporting details and ideas**.

3. **Analyze** how and why **individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact** over the course of a text.

Support your answers with evidence from the story.  
C = Comprehend  I = Infer  A = Analyze

What is the theme or message of this story? (CCSSR2) INFER

How did the writer help you understand that?  
(Analyze: Craft and Structure—CCSSR 4, 5, 6)

RE-visit the story and look for ways the author made the theme clear.  
Create a drawing that shows that theme with examples from the story.