How do you read a story?
My Strategy Guide

First, I preview the story.
This is what I do.

Title—I think about the title. I ask myself, __________________________

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Illustrations—if it has pictures, I ________________________________

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The Setting
I look words and sentences that tell about ______________________________

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The Characters’ Traits
I infer their traits by thinking about ________________________________

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The Plot
To trace the plot I can list ________________________________


Problems
I look for a problem by thinking about ________________________________

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Causes
To figure out what caused an event, I infer ________________________________

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**Effects**
To figure out how an event affects the characters, I infer ________________________________

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**How Characters Feel**
To figure out their feelings, I think about ________________________________

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**Solution**
To figure out the solution I think about ________________________________

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**How a Character Changes**
I think about how the character ________________________________

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and why the character ________________________________

**Theme**
I infer the theme by thinking about ________________________________

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**How the Writer Helps Me Understand the Story**
I think about what the writer puts in the story to help me—what words the writer uses to

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I think about ________________________________

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I look for the writer’s techniques, such as ________________________________

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