

## *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, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Illustrations**—if it has pictures, I \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

#### **The Setting**

I look words and sentences that tell about \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

#### **The Characters' Traits**

I infer their traits by thinking about \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

#### **The Plot**

To trace the plot I can list \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Problems**

I look for a problem by thinking about \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Causes**

To figure out what caused an event, I infer \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

**Effects**

To figure out how an event affects the characters, I infer \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**How Characters Feel**

To figure out their feelings, I think about \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

**Solution**

To figure out the solution I think about \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

**How a Character Changes**

I think about how the character \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

and why the character \_\_\_\_\_.

**Theme**

I infer the theme by thinking about \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**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

\_\_\_\_\_

I think about \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

I look for the writer's techniques, such as \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.