



The Art PLUS: The Visual Reader Thinks More!

What questions would guide students to apply Common Core strategies to interpret a story or history?

The ART PLUS: Examples of ways students can integrate illustrations so they think more as they respond to the questions.

CCSS Standard	Kinds of Questions
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.	<p>Where did this story/history take place? What kind of place was it? Who was part of it? How did they feel? What do you think the writer wants you to understand because of what the writer put into the story/history?</p> <p><i>Support your answers with evidence from the text.</i> <i>The ART PLUS: You can show your answers with illustrations and captions.</i></p>
2. Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.	<p>What do you think is the central or main idea of this story/history? Summarize the important information that supports your conclusion.</p> <p><i>Support your answer with evidence from the text.</i> <i>The ART PLUS: Create a symbol that shows that central idea.</i></p>
3. Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.	<p>What is a problem people faced? Why was it important to people? What choices did people make? How did they affect other people?</p> <p><i>Support your answer with evidence from the text.</i> <i>The ART PLUS: Illustrate the situation—make sequential drawings.</i></p>
4. Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.	<p>What are 5 key words in this passage? Why are they important to understanding the ideas?</p> <p><i>Support your answer with an example from the passage.</i></p> <p>How can you figure out what a word means when you read?</p> <p><i>Use the text to show an example.</i> <i>The ART PLUS: Draw pictures to show what the words mean.</i></p>
5. Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text relate to each other and the whole.	<p>How does the first paragraph prepare you to read the rest of the passage? Choose another important paragraph. Tell why it is important to understanding the passage.</p> <p><i>Support your answers with examples from the passage.</i> <i>The ART PLUS: Draw illustrations for important paragraphs.</i></p>