



## Reading with Attitude



### Question prompts to promote inference, deduction and responding to literature

	<i>Dimension 1 (relationship with the text)</i>	<i>Dimension 2 (relationship with the author)</i>
<b>Characters</b> (people, animals, toys...)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ How do you think the character felt when...? Why?</li> <li>★ What do you think the character will do when...? Why?</li> <li>★ What would you have done in the same situation? Why?</li> <li>★ Is the main character believable? Why/why not?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ What similar (or different) experiences have you had? How did that help you to understand the character?</li> <li>★ Why do you think the author decided to give... (the character) spare this kind of personality?</li> <li>★ How did the author help you to get to know the main character? (Through actions? What he/she said? Description?)</li> </ul>
<b>Setting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Where does the story take place?</li> <li>★ What was the place like?</li> <li>★ Have you ever been to a place like it? Tell us about it.</li> <li>★ When did the story take place? (Is it in the future? Is it happening now? Did it happen long ago?)</li> <li>★ Why do you think the setting was appropriate?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ How do you think the author was able to describe the setting in that way?</li> <li>★ Why do you think the author chose this setting?</li> <li>★ Do you think the author may have lived in or known a place like this? Why?</li> </ul>
<b>Plot</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ What were the main things that happened in the story?</li> <li>★ How did you feel when... happened?</li> <li>★ Were you able to guess what was going to happen? What helped you to guess that?</li> <li>★ What do you think was the most important part of the story for you? Why?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Why do you think the author left this information until the last chapter?</li> <li>★ Why do you think the author decided to... (sequence the events in that way? use a 'flash-back'?)</li> <li>★ Why do you think the author chose... (particular event) as one of the key events in the story?</li> <li>★ Do you think... (experience) might have happened to the author? Why do you think so?</li> <li>★ What did the author have to know in order to write about that?</li> </ul>
<b>Theme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Is there one 'big idea' in this book? What is it?</li> <li>★ What does the book tell us about... (prejudice, equality, humour, family life, relationships, survival, personal journeys...)?</li> <li>★ This book is about..., but what else is it about?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Do you think the author has suffered as a result of... (prejudice, inequality, etc) Why do you think so?</li> <li>★ Why do you think the author chose to write about this theme?</li> <li>★ What message was the author wanting to communicate?</li> </ul>
<b>Mood/ Style</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ How did you feel while reading? Why?</li> <li>★ How did your feelings change as you read the book?</li> <li>★ What did you think was the funniest (saddest) part? Why?</li> <li>★ What special words does the author use to help you hear things in the story?...see things in the story?...feel things in the story?</li> <li>★ What pictures has the book left in your mind?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ How was the author able to make you feel...?</li> <li>★ Why do you think the author wanted to make you feel that way?</li> <li>★ What kind of person do you think the author is? Why?</li> <li>★ Why do you think the author chose to write in this...(mood, style, genre)?</li> </ul>