



Questions for Reading Fiction

Setting

Where does this story take place?
Tell me what this place was like.
When did this story take place?
Have you ever been to a place like this?
If not, would you like to visit a place like this? Why or why not?

Problem/Solution

Who has a problem in this story?
Describe the problem this character had.
Was the problem solved? How?
Did this same problem ever happen to you? What happened?
How did you solve it?

Author

What do you know about the author?
What's the author trying to tell you in the book?
What did the author have to know about to write this book?
What sort of things does the author like or dislike?

Plot/Main Idea

What was the plot or main idea?
How did the story begin?
What happened in the middle of the story?
How did this story end?
Can you think of another way this story might have ended?

Style

What special words does the author use to help you hear/see in the story?
Tell me about any pictures the author has painted into your mind? What words help you to see these pictures?
What do you like about the way the author has written the story?

Characters

Who are the main characters in your story?
Tell me whether or not you like them and why.
Choose one character and tell why she/he is important in the story.
Do any of the characters change? In what way?
Do you agree with everything the main characters do? Why or why not?