

## Three Ways of Thinking About Books

### Thinking Within the Text: (Literal information)

These questions can include:

- Who are the characters and where does the story take place?
- What was the problem and solution?
- Can you give me a summary of the story?
- What was a new word for you?

### Thinking Beyond the Text: (Inferring, Synthesizing, Making Connections, Predicting)

These questions can include:

- What do you think will happen?
- How does the character feel? How does the character change?
- Do you know other stories like this?
- What part of the story is important?
- How do the pictures make you feel?
- Why did the character act that way?
- Did you ever feel like that?

### Thinking About the Text (Analyzing and Critiquing Author's Craft)

These questions can include:

- What words did the author use to describe the character? Setting?
- How do the pictures connect with the words?
- Where was an exciting part of the story?
- Is this a nonfiction or fiction story?
- Did you like the story? Why?
- Why did the author write this book?
- How did the author organize this book? (by chapter or in order of events)
- How did the author make this story funny or interesting or surprising?
- How did the author set up the problem in the story?