

Meaning

(meaning is not a summary)

What is the text REALLY about?

What kind of moral/ message/ opinion does the text seem to tell you? (don't trust strangers, be good with your parents, respect nature, don't do to others what you wouldn't like others to do to you, etc.) Why? (What is your proof?)

What is the THEME of the text? (friendship, freedom, death, nature, family, destiny, bullying, conflicts etc.)

What are the VALUES perceived as important in the text? (love, peace, environment, health, respect, etc.)

Making Connections

What does this text remind me of?

On a personal level, thinking of another book I have read and/or current or past events (media: TV, newspaper, magazines, books, etc.)

What is common between the text and other texts, movies or stories, newspaper articles you have seen, heard, read before?

Which part of the text helped you make that connection?

Structure and Features

What makes this text unique? (format, characters, style)

What can you tell about the main/secondary characters? The narrator?

What role do pictures, illustrations, titles, subtitles, chapters, diagrams, tables play? (or what mood do they create?)

How is the story structured? (Are there foreshadowings? Flashbacks? Flashforwards? Patterns?)

What is the style of the text? (word choice, sentences, metaphors, similes, humour, mood in the language,...) How important is the dialogue? What does it reveal?

Making judgment

(Reading Critically)

Explain your opinion of the text.

What do I really think about the text/author's opinion (ideas)?

- What do I think about characters' actions/ decisions?
- Do I share the opinion (ideas) of the author ?