Prompts for Informational Text

General Prompts

1. What is something that surprised you or that you found interesting? Explain why.

2. What do you like or dislike about the book? Explain why.

3. Which parts of the book puzzled or confused you? What made these parts confusing?

4. What is the author’s main point and do you agree with it or not? Explain your thinking.

5. Why do you think the author chose that title? Explain your thinking.

6. Would you recommend the book to another reader? Explain why or why not.

Key Ideas and Details

1. What did the author want you to know about this topic?

2. What are the most important facts or details? Explain your thinking.

Craft and Structure

1. How does the author capture your interest or pull you into the book?

2. What is the genre and how do you know this?

3. Who is the author and what is his/her point of view? What do they care about?

4. What are the most important words to talk about this topic?

5. How is the text organized? Explain how you know this. (main ideas/details; problem/solution; cause/effect; compare/contrast; chronological; description)

6. Why did the author write this text? Explain your thinking.

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

1. How do the illustrations, graphics, charts add to the meaning?

2. What features help you understand the text? Explain what they help you understand. (illustrations, diagrams, charts, sidebars, etc..)

3. Are there examples of stereotypes or bias in this text? Explain your thinking.

4. What new information did you learn by reading this text?

5. How does the information in this text fit with what you already know?

6. What is the author trying to convince you of? Is he or she successful? Explain your thinking.

7. Did the author provide sufficient evidence for his or her claim? Explain your thinking.