Prompts for Literary Text

General Prompts

1. What is a prediction you have and what is the evidence for the prediction?

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

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

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

5. What is the author’s message and how do you feel about it?

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

7. How does the book remind you of yourself, people you know, or something that happened in your life? Explain your thinking.

8. What is the ending and how do you feel about it? Explain your thinking.

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

Key Ideas and Details

1. Write about an interesting or important character and explain your thinking.

2. What did you notice about the characters, such as what made them act the way they did, or how did they change during the story?

3. What does the author want us to know in this part of the text? How do you know this?

4. What is the lesson or theme of the book? Explain why you think this.

5. How does the author use time in the story?

6. How does the setting affect the characters?

Craft and Structure

1. What words paint a picture in your mind or show emotions or feelings?

2. Choose an example of figurative language and explain what it helps you understand in the text.

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

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

5. Who is the narrator and what is their point of view? What do they care about?

6. Different characters have different points of view about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Explain how this affects the story.

7. How does the author build suspense?

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

1. How does the book remind you of other books, especially the characters, setting, or events?

2. How do the illustrations add meaning to the story?

3. How is the movie of this book the same or different from the print version?

4. How is character 1 the same as or different from character 2? How does this affect the story?

5. Does this story remind you of anything else you have read? Explain your thinking.

6. Are there examples of stereotypes or bias in this story? Explain your thinking.

7. What new insights or understandings do you have from reading the book?

Student Generated Questions:

1: Do you think that there were plot holes in the storyline? Why or why not?

2: Did the majority of the characters developed and interesting? Why or why not?

3: If a turning point in the story was altered or never happened, how would the story change?

4. If you could replace one character who would it be? Why?

5. If you could right the story from someone else's point of view who would it be? Why? Use evidence from the text.

6. what did this book remind you of? Why?

7.If you could take out one character from the book who would it be and why.

8. If you could change one character's personality who would it be and why.

9. If you could take the place of one character who would it be and why.

10. What do you notice about the illustrations? And do you like them or not? (even the cover photo)

11. What is the history behind this book?

12. Who are most of the characters in this book and how do they act?

13. If you could change one thing about the story, what would it be? Why?

14. What was your favorite line or lines from the book? Why?

15. Pretend you are visiting a character in the story. Use imagery to describe the setting.

16. Who are some of the main characters? Describe them using evidence from text.

17. Did you think that there was any character development? Why or why not?

18. Do you think that the movie of the book was a good book to movie adaptation? Why or why not?

19. Is your book based on a true story? Why or why not?

20. How does the book affect the characters life? Does he/she make good or bad choices in the book?

21. What are some hobbies that your character enjoys to do? Why do they like to do them? Are they good at these hobbies?

22.How does your character succeed in your book? Do they succeed in good or bad things or are they good in a lot of things?

23. Does your character have any loses that effect the book in a big way?

24. Why do you think the character did what he or she did in that part of the book?

25. What can you infer about that story- something that the author does not directly say?

26. How would you have reacted if something like what happens in the book ever happened to you?

27. Why is the title what it is (is there a character that the book is named after).

28. Why do characters act the way they do?

29.How is the book structured and why do you think the author made it this way.

30. If you could bring two characters from two separate books to meet each other, who would they be?

 31.If you could travel to a time in the book, what would it be and why?

 32. If you could meet any of the characters, who would it be and why?

33. If you could change one thing what the character did what would it be?

34. If you were a character in the book would you do anything different then what they did?

35. What is the most important place and why?

36. If your character could warp back in time for either a bad decision or something really annoying happened what is the event and why do you think he/she should time travel.

37. Write what you think one of your characters parents, siblings or friends point of view is on the topic is. Explain why they either have the same or different opinion.

38. What is your character feeling on this event? Explain is it good or bad and why.

39 If you could become one of the characters who would it be? Why?

40. Where does your favorite part of the book take place?

41. If you could change some of the book which part would you change? Why?

42. Do you think the main character of the story makes smart decisions Why or Why not?

43. Can you relate to the main character of the story Why or Why not?

44. What things does your character care a lot about or cherish?

45. Do you think the main character[s] are treated meanly or nicely?

46. What do you think about the main character[s]? Would you do all the stuff their doing? Or would you make some different choices?

47. Who do you think is most like you in this book?

48. What time does your book take place how do you know? How does it affect the story?

49. Do you think many people can relate to this story? Why?

50. If you could warn the characters about one event what would it be? Why?