

PROMPTS FOR ASKING AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS

- What is my purpose in reading this text?
- What question can I already ask and answer about the topic?
- Does there seem to be a unique slant on the main topic?
- What does the text say about that?
- What does the author seem to want the audience to know most of all?
- What textual evidence supports my account of what the text says?
- What evidence—a detail, quotation, or example—can I cite to support my inference here?
- Which specific details are most important?
- What inferences can I make and what specific details from the text led me to make each one?
- Which specific details help me understand the main topic?