Figure 12.3 Questions to Consider in Verbal Reasoning

Does the student	Can the student
Understand story elements?	<ul> <li>Explain why identifying the initiating event can help a reader understand the story?</li> </ul>
	Describe the beginning, middle, and end of a story?
	<ul> <li>Identify the basic elements of the story (characters, plot, setting, problem, and solution)?</li> </ul>
	Use these elements to retell?
	Use the contents page to keep track of story events?
	<ul> <li>Use a chapter title to make predictions and keep track of story events?</li> </ul>
Identify and understand literary devices?	Identify words or ideas that signal personification?
	Recognize alliteration?
	Recognize a pun?
	Recognize onomatopoeia?
	Recognize when authors contrast images?
	Recognize understatement?
	Use similes and metaphors in their oral and written language?
	<ul> <li>Relate the use of flashback and foreshadowing to the author's craft?</li> </ul>
Understand and analyze characters?	Discuss the relationships between characters?
	Identify who is speaking in a dialogue?
	<ul> <li>Identify ways to infer the relationships between and among characters?</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Use a character's words and actions to make inferences about the character?</li> </ul>
	Use dialogue to infer characters' feelings toward one another?
	Identify a character's plan for solving a problem?
	Relate character to plot?
	<ul> <li>Explain how the problem and solution affect the character's actions?</li> </ul>

Does the student	Can the student
Understand and analyze plot and setting?	<ul> <li>Identify the plot?</li> <li>Recognize how characters influence the plot?</li> <li>Identify the setting?</li> <li>State why the setting is essential to the story?</li> <li>Relate plot and setting to one another?</li> </ul>
Understand and analyze theme?	<ul> <li>Identify the theme of the story?</li> <li>Discriminate between plot and theme?</li> <li>Name other stories with similar themes?</li> <li>Recognize the universality of major themes?</li> <li>Relate the author's purpose to the theme?</li> </ul>

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