

Questions to Support Comprehension of Nonfiction

Personal and Textual Connections

- What do you already know about this topic?
- How does this (book, article, topic) remind you of other texts you have read?
- What have you experienced in your life that helps you understand this topic?
- How does the information in this text fit with what you already know?

Content

- What are some of the most important words related to the topic, and what do they mean?
- What are some of the most important ideas related to this topic?
- What did you learn about this topic?
- What does this text make you want to learn more about?

Style

- How has the author made this topic interesting?
- How has the author made it easy for you to find information?

Text Structure/Organization

- What are the ways the author presents information on this topic?

Text Features/Illustrations/Format

- What does the title tell you about this text?
- How do headings and subheadings help you find information in this text?
- What information is provided through illustrations (drawings, diagrams, maps, charts, etc.)?
- Does the total format of the text help you understand the topic better?

Author

- What qualifications does the author have to write this text?
- How does the author use experiences and/or knowledge to do a good job of providing information?