

Text Dependent Question Types

Below are nine different question types that map the domain of possible text dependent questions and model the kinds of information a close reading of the text should uncover.

“RIGHT THERE” QUESTIONS

Ask for explicit information drawn from the text itself:

INFERENTIAL QUESTIONS

Solicit conclusions that stem from evidence within the text but not explicitly stated:

TEXT STRUCTURE QUESTIONS

Look at how the text and its component parts are arranged:

ORGANIZING QUESTIONS

Examine the text and sort information based on relevant criteria:

SEQUENCE QUESTIONS

Identify and analyze the steps in an explanation or argument:

ACADEMIC VOCABULARY & KEY PHRASES QUESTIONS

Focus on how specific word choices contribute to the meaning of the text:

CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

Ask for further explanation of particular portions of the text:

PURPOSE QUESTIONS

Investigate the text’s function and deeper meaning:

PARAPHRASING QUESTIONS

Request condensed summaries of particular passages: