

# How to Be a Good Reader

Ask yourself these questions to help you understand what you read:

<b>Main Idea and Details</b>	What is the story mostly about? What tells me more about the main idea?
<b>Sequence</b>	What happens first, next, and last? What are the steps to do something?
<b>Cause and Effect</b>	What happens? (the effect) Why did it happen? (the cause)
<b>Fact and Opinion</b>	Can this be proved true? Is it what someone thinks or believes?
<b>Compare and Contrast</b>	How are these people or things the same? How are these people or things different?
<b>Make Inferences</b>	What clues does the story give? What do I know already that will help?
<b>Prediction</b>	What clues does the story give? What do I know already that will help? What will happen next?
<b>Character and Setting</b>	Who or what is the story about? Where and when does the story take place?
<b>Fantasy vs. Reality</b>	Is it make-believe? Could it happen in real life?
<b>Author's Purpose</b>	Does the story entertain, inform, try to persuade me, or teach me how to do something?
<b>Nonfiction Text Features</b>	What kind of text am I reading? What does it tell me?
<b>Visual Information</b>	Is there a picture, chart, or graph? What does it tell me?