



Guiding Questions

Happy Summer! This list is designed to help you think reflectively about your reading selections and to prepare you for your in-class writing response this fall. *You are not required to hand-in your answers to these questions.* Please review this list prior to, during, and after reading your required text(s).

1. **Process:** How do you decide what to read? Where and when do you read? How long does it take you to finish a book? Did you have any problems reading? If so, what might you do differently?
2. **Topic:** What was the book about?
3. **Setting:** Where and when did the story take place?
4. **Lead:** How did the author bring the readers into the story?
5. **Character Development:** How were the characters' actions, thoughts, and feelings depicted? Were they believable? Could you identify with the characters?
6. **Main Characters:** Who are they?
7. **Narration:** Who told the story? Was it first person? Third person? Why this point of view? Did the author switch between narrators? To what effect?
8. **Credibility:** Could the reader believe in this plot? In these characters?
9. **Suspense:** Did the reader wonder what would happen next?
10. **Action:** Was there enough happening to hold a reader's interest? Too much action and not enough character development?
11. **Dialogue:** Is the talk, or dialogue, realistic? Is there too much or too little dialogue?
12. **Plot:** Did the story ring true? Go on and on? Come to a point? Finish abruptly?
13. **Title:** Was it appropriate? Is it a grabber?
14. **Theme:** What was the author showing about life and living through the story?
15. **Conclusion:** How did the author leave readers? Was the ending satisfying?