Comprehension Questions:

**These questions come from the following website:*
https://schoolhousereviewcrew.com/reading-comprehension-for-any-book-questions-to-ask-your-child-for-any-book/

Setting

- Where does this story take place?
- What is this place like?
- When did this story take place? How do you know?
- Have you ever been in a place like this? Could there be a place like this in real life?
- Did the story take place a long time ago/in the future/now?
- Which part of the story best describes the setting?
- Are there any particular words that create this atmosphere?
- Is there anything I can tell about the setting even though it does not say it directly?
    - For example: I know it is winter if there is snow on the ground.

Plot

- What are the main things that happened in the story (beginning, middle, and end)?
- Were you able to guess what was going to happen next? What clues did you use to help you?
- What would you have done differently if you had been one of the characters?
- Can you think of another way that the story might have happened?
- Can you think of another way your story might have ended?
- What might have happened if a certain action had not taken place?
- Which chapter do you think is the most important to the story?
- Who has a problem or what is the problem? Is there one problem or more than one problem in the story?
- How is the problem solved? How do you know that?

Characters

- Who are the main characters in the story?
- Do you like or dislike them? Why?
- Who is the most important character in the story? Why?
- Do any of the characters change in the story? How?
- Does a character do things that are good/bad? What?
- Choose a character. Why is this character important in the story? Why?
- Do any of the characters change during the story? In what way?
- Do any of the characters do things you think are good/bad? What? Why do you think it is good/bad?

Style

- What special words does the author use to help you see, hear, smell, taste things in the story?
- What pictures did the author leave in your mind?
- What did you like about the way the author has written the story?
- What did you dislike about the way the author has written the story?
- How did the author describe the characters?
- Were there any unusual ways of saying things?
- How does the author keep you interested?
- What strengths does the author have?
- What do you like about his or her style?

Illustrations

- Did the author include an illustration with the book? Who is the illustrator?
- What kind of illustrations did the author use? (diagrams, photographs, maps, charts, graphs, tables, drawn pictures)
- Did the illustrations help you understand the information better? Why or why not?
- What illustrations or pictures are the most interesting to you? Why?
- What illustrations could the author have added to make the information easier to understand?

- Were labels and captions used? If so, did they help you understand the information better? Why or why not?
- What do you think the illustrator needed to know in order to illustrate the story?

Theme

- Why do you think the author wrote this book?
- Do you think there is a message in this story? What is it?
- Have you learned a lesson from reading this story? What is it?

Mood

- How did you feel while reading this story? Why did you feel that way?
- What was the most exciting thing that happened?
- What was the funniest/ saddest/ strangest thing that happened in the story?
- What do you remember most about the story?
- How did the author make you feel the way you did?
- Does the mood of the story change? How?

Style

- Do you understand what the author is saying? What information is the easiest for you to understand? Why?
- Would you like to learn more about this topic? Why?
- Would this book or information be different if it were written 10 years ago?
- By reading, did you discover anything that could help you outside of school?
- Is this book like any other book you have read? How is it alike or different? Which one do you like better? Why?
- Was the information well organized? Give an example of why or why not?

- Is the information told straight to you or is it in the story form?
- What could the author have done to make the information easier to understand?

Author

- Who is the author?
- What is the author trying to tell you in the book?
- What did the author have to know to write this book?
- What do you know about the author? How can you tell?
- Why do you think the author wrote this book?

Content

- What topic(s) does this book or chapter describe?
- Is the information easy for you to understand? Why?
- What facts did you like learning about the most? Why?
- What information would you like to share with someone else?
- Would you like to read more books about this topic? Why?
- What else would you like to know about this topic? How can you find out?
- Was the title misleading? Did you expect to discover information that wasn't there?
- Did the book/story/chapter give you enough information? If not, what else do you need to know?

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