

Family Book Club Questions

Practice every Grade K - 2 common core reading literature skill with any book or story.

1. The author is the person who writes the book or tells the story. The illustrator is the person who illustrates or draws the illustrations or pictures in the book. The author and illustrator's first and last names are always on the front cover of the book. Who is the author of this story? Who is the illustrator?
2. Characters are the people or animals in a story. Who is the main or most important character in the story?
3. How does the main character look, act and feel?
4. The setting of a story is when and where the story takes place. The setting might be at night, in winter, in the main character's backyard. What is the setting of this story?
5. If you had to summarize or retell the story to a friend, what would you say happened in the beginning, middle and end of the story?
6. What is the major challenge or problem in the story?
7. Many stories have a problem and a solution. A solution is how the problem is solved, fixed or made better. How is the problem solved or fixed?
8. Many stories can teach us a lesson, moral or message that can help us with our own lives. We can decide the lesson or message by thinking about the problem and solution in the story and what the characters might learn from what happens in the story. Sometimes the title of the book can help us see the message of the story. What is something we can learn from this story that might help us if we experience the same problem that the characters experience in this story?
9. The illustrations or pictures help us better understand the characters, problems and events in the story. Some parts of the story are only told with pictures and not with words. What part(s) of the story would you not understand without the pictures?
10. Is there another story, movie, TV show or song that reminds you of the story you just read? How are they the same?
11. Can you find all of the "A's" (or choose any one letter of the alphabet) on this page? Let's count all of the "A's". Can you find the letters of your name hiding on this page? Can you find a word that starts with "W" (or choose any one letter of the alphabet)?
12. What letter does this word start with? What letter comes next? Let's spell this word together. Let's sound it out "C – O – W sound like ka – ow, cow".