

What Should My Focus Be?

<p>While reading: <u>CHARACTER:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is the character more than one way? • How do the character's thoughts, speech, action, and interactions reveal his/her motivations? • Explore the character's relationship with others. • Explore the different roles characters play and explain their perspectives. Identify how multiple characters can have differing perspectives about important topics. • How does the character overcome obstacles and what does this say about the character? • How does the character change? What does this say about the character? 	<p>While reading: <u>THEME:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think about how the character responds to trouble - what can that teach us? • What lessons are the character(s) learning? What can I learn from those lessons? • What ISSUES are arising? How will these issues connect to the theme? • What techniques does the author use to develop the story's theme? 	<p>While reading: <u>STORY ELEMENTS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is the conflict getting more complicated? • How are the conflicts overlapping? • What kind of place/world is this? How does this impact the character and the story? • Who has the power? Who doesn't? • How can smaller sections of the text work to give meaning to the whole? • Key moments (how do the past moments add up to this event) <p><u>AUTHOR'S CRAFT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does the author use literary techniques to create the mood, tone, and effect of the story? For example - imagery, simile, metaphor, point of view, dialogue, symbolism
<p>After I finish a book:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does the character change? • What conflicts get resolved? Which ones don't? • How does the setting affect the story? • What is the life lesson/big idea? Theme? • What themes stay true from the beginning to the end? Which ones change? • How have relationships changed? 	<p>If I am rereading a book:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any: What do I see differently this time? • Any: Now that I know what happens, what clues/foreshadowing do I see now that I didn't before? <p>Writing about a series:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Character change: How has the main character changed across the series? • Character change: How have the other characters changed across the series? • Any (characters, theme, analyzing parts of a story, author's craft): Write about a pattern across the books. • Relationships: Story of a relationship (Percy and Annabeth; Katniss and Peeta...) 	<p>WAYS TO RESPOND:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to a character • Character web/personality chart • Moments of tension • Relationship flow chart • Book review (interpretation, opinion) • Make a comic strip version of key events • Letter to the author (fan letter, questions or criticisms) <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Examples</u></p>

