

# READING NONFICTION BIG QUESTIONS



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**WHAT SURPRISED  
ME?**

If you're wondering what this means, consider the following:

- New Information (*I didn't know that!*)
- Suspicious information (*Really? Is that true?*)
- Clarifying information (*Oh! Now I get it!*)
- A different perspective (*I hadn't thought of it that way OR How could anyone think that way? OR This surprises me. Is there another way to see this?*)



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**WHAT DID THE  
AUTHOR THINK I  
ALREADY KNEW?**

If you're wondering what this means, consider these ideas:

- "The author thought I'd know what this word means." (Vocabulary)
- "The author thought I could picture this." (Visualizing)
- "The author thought I'd know something about this." (Prior Knowledge)
- "The author thought I'd get how this happens." (Sequencing or casual relationships)



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**WHAT CHANGED,  
CHALLENGED, OR  
CONFIRMED WHAT I  
ALREADY KNEW?**

If you're wondering what this means, consider parts of the text that make you think these things:

- "At first I thought . . . but . . ."
- "I had to rethink . . ."
- "My understanding changed when . . ."
- "I was right/wrong about . . ."

