



Prewriting: Critical Reading & Response

The Questioner's Lens

Title(s) of Work for Analysis, Evaluation, and Synthesis: _____

Type of Analysis, Evaluation, or Synthesis	Question
<p>Dissection & Categorization: Ask a question that breaks something into parts and examines its separate elements, seeking labels, definitions, and identifying characteristics.</p>	<p>Sample question for <i>The Bean Trees</i>: What character traits does Taylor Greer demonstrate?</p>
<p>Comparison: Ask a question that identifies similarities and differences between two elements or entities.</p>	<p>Sample question for <i>The Bean Trees</i>: What does Taylor Greer have in common with these seekers?</p>
<p>Generalization: Ask a question that seeks a pattern, trend, or theme for a body of data or elements, linking information beneath an umbrella.</p>	<p>Sample question for <i>The Bean Trees</i>: How is Taylor Greer a seeker?</p>
<p>Cause & Effect: Ask a question that seeks the reason, impetus, motivation (the cause) and/or the outcome, consequence, or result (the effect).</p>	<p>Sample question for <i>The Bean Trees</i>: Which of her actions is a key one, a catalyst to plot development?</p>
<p>Predictive: Ask a question that seeks the next and unseen step, phase, or element of a sequence of items, actions, events, or outcomes.</p>	<p>Sample question for <i>The Bean Trees</i>: What will happen next? Draw a conclusion based on the sequence of events.</p>



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<p>Personification: Ask a question that seeks “the human side” of an element or element, in order to see something from a different angle.</p>	<p>Sample Question for <i>The Bean Trees</i>: What would Taylor’s car say to her about this trip? What would the Great Plain say to her if it could speak?</p>
<p>Pros & Cons: Ask a question that seeks the positives and negatives of an element or entity.</p>	<p>Sample Question for <i>The Bean Trees</i>: What are the positives and negatives of Taylor starting over in the way she does?</p>
<p>Ethics: Ask a question that seeks the moral and philosophical truth of a situation.</p>	<p>Sample Question for <i>The Bean Trees</i>: Should Taylor leave her mother and home without looking back in the way she does? Should she change her name?</p>
<p>What If: Ask a question that seeks the outcome when a new element is added, shaking up the situation.</p>	<p>Sample Question for <i>The Bean Trees</i>: What if Taylor had not found a mechanic to help her? What might she have done?</p>
<p>Empathy: Ask a question that seeks to understand motivations and causes of individuals in a situation.</p>	<p>Sample Question for <i>The Bean Trees</i>: What besides a lack of opportunity might drive a person to completely start his or her life over?</p>
<p>Preference: Ask a question that seeks your opinion, viewpoint, or likes and dislikes regarding a situation.</p>	<p>Sample Question for <i>The Bean Trees</i>: Would you do what Taylor has done? Why or why not?</p>