



Text Dependent Questions: Sample Question Starters

- Why does the author...?
- **[Identify portion of text]** What does this tell you about...?
- Why would the author want to draw attention to that detail?
- The author includes a number of details about _____. Look at each action. What does the author want you to understand about _____?
- What evidence does the author give to support his or her description of _____?
- The author provides a list of _____. What do these have in common?
- Why does the author make a point of saying _____?
- Using evidence from the text, explain why this is a good title for this selection.
- **[Identify portion of text]** What is the author's purpose in using this language?
- Using the **(map or infographic)** and reading the text, what inferences can you draw as to reasons why _____?
- Identify specific details/passages in the text that led you to infer _____.
- List at least three ways the author has described _____.
- What impact do these descriptions have on _____?