

## Asking Good Questions

### Examine the Characters

- Which character do you connect with most? Why?
- Which character reminds you of someone you know? How are they similar?
- Which character intrigues you most? What about this character makes him or her so interesting?
- How does the author show the good and bad sides of the characters? Which characters seem to be the most complex?

### Examine the Setting

- Where does this book take place?
- In what time period does this book take place?
- Have you read other books that have a similar setting? How are they similar or different?
- How much importance does the author give to the setting?
- Could this book have taken place in any other place or time?

### Examine the Author

- What do you know about the author?
- What was the author's background?
- When did the author write the book?

- Does the author seem to be commenting on the time when the book was published, a time in the past, or a time in the future?
- What was going on in the world when this book was published?
- Have you read other books by this author? How are they similar or different?

## **Examine the Events**

- What events in the book stood out to you most?
- What were the turning points?
- Were there any events that surprised you?
- At what point in the story does the book start?
- What organization pattern does the author follow? Do the events follow a typical chronological order?
- How do the main characters react to the events?
- How does the author end the story?