

There are four main categories when discussing comprehension of a story or a text: Plot and setting, character, vocabulary and figurative language, and themes and ideas. For each of these domains, we are including a few prompts to help students read their summer book with purpose and depth.

Plot and Setting

- Retell the chapter/book to me. What happened first?
- What problem(s) is your character dealing with?
- Describe what you picture in this part.
- Tell me about an important event. What caused it to happen?

Character

- What ideas do you have about the character?
- How is your character feeling in this part?
- How is your character changing?
- Describe the relationship between two central characters.

Vocabulary and Figurative Language

- Find 2 examples of figurative language? (Ex. you can fry an egg on the sidewalk)
- Look up any vocabulary words you don't know.

Themes and Ideas

- What is a lesson or message you can learn from this book?
- What social issues are coming up in this book?