

3 Big Questions for Reading



1) What surprised me?

This question helps readers identify new information, question suspicious information, clarify information, and acknowledge different perspectives.

- ★ I was shocked about...
- ★ I was surprised when...
- ★ I never thought...
- ★ I could not believe...
- ★ Really?

2) What did the author think I already knew?

This question helps readers determine where understanding breaks down and when fix-up strategies are needed to clear up confusion.

- ★ I did not know...
- ★ I was confused by...
- ★ The author assumed...
- ★ The author thought I knew...

3) What challenged, changed, or confirmed what I knew?

This question helps readers identify new learning, change the way or what we think, or confirm what we already know.

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

Name: _____

Title of Book: _____

Author: _____

The Big 3

Respond to the questions. Use a sentence stem from the front to begin your response.

What surprised you?

What did the author think I already knew?

What challenged, changed, or confirmed what I knew?

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