Higher Order Thinking: Writing Questions for the Discussion

Category	Question Examples
Remember *Recognizing and recalling information.*	What is...? Who was it that...? What happened after...? Can you describe...? What do you remember about...?
Understand *Demonstrate an understanding of facts, concepts and ideas.*	Can you explain why...? Can you clarify...? What was the main idea for...? How would you compare/contrast...? What can you infer from...?
Apply *Solve problems by applying facts, knowledge, techniques etc.*	What questions would you ask of ____ (character)? How is ____ (character) similar or different from ___ (character)? What choices does ____ (character) encounter in the story? How would you solve ___? What examples can you find that...?
Analyze *Explore connections or relationships between events or ideas.*	How is ____ similar or different to ____? Why did ____ happen? What are the pros and cons of...? How is ___ connected to ___? What evidence in the text can you find that...?
Evaluate *Justify or defend a position.*	Do you believe...? Why did the character, ____ (name), choose...? Can you defend _____'s (character's name) position on...? What would be the outcome if ___ happened? Do you think ___ (event, idea) is a good or bad thing? Why?
Create *Create new ideas or ways of viewing things.*	What is your opinion of...? Can you see a possible solution to...? What do you think the outcome of ___ would be if ___ happened? What is the most important ___ (event, character etc.)? Why? What information could be researched to understand more about __?