

# Question Stems

*Use these question stems to help you write your own questions about a text.  
If you need examples of how to use the stems, look at the next page.*

## **Knowledge and Comprehension Question Stems**

Why did...?  
Explain why...  
What happened after...?  
What is the main idea...?  
What is the difference between...?  
What could have happened next?

## **Application and Analysis Question Stems**

What would happen if...?  
Do you know someone like...?  
If you had to...what would you do?  
Would you do the same thing in the same situation as...?  
What was the problem with...?  
Which things were fact and which were opinions?  
What could you do that just like what the person in the story did?

## **Synthesis and Evaluation Question Stems**

What is another title you could give this story?  
Would you agree...?  
How would you feel if...?  
What is your opinion of...?  
What do you think about...?  
Were they right to do... Why or why not?

# Question Stems (Fiction) Examples

Let's think of the story, Cinderella. Look at these questions to give you ideas for your questions.

## Knowledge and Comprehension Question Stems

Why did Cinderella's stepmother make her sleep by the fireplace?

Explain why the prince was having a ball.

What happened after midnight?

What is the main idea of the story, Cinderella?

What is the difference between Cinderella and her stepsisters?

What could have happened after the story, Cinderella, ended?

## Application and Analysis Question Stems

What would happen if Cinderella didn't have a fairy godmother?

Do you know someone like the fairy godmother?

If you had to put up with a mean family, what would you do?

Would you do the same thing in the same situation as Cinderella?

What was the problem with the glass slipper?

Which things were fact and which were opinions? (Give an example of each.)

What could you do that just like what the person in the story did?

## Synthesis and Evaluation Question Stems

What is another title you could give this story?

Would you agree that the stepmother was totally evil?

How would you feel if you were the prince and had been lied to by the stepmother?

What is your opinion of Cinderella's stepsisters?

What do you think about the prince having a ball to find a wife?

Was Cinderella right to sneak away? Why or why not?