Big Question



What did the author think I already knew?

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

Big Question



What surprised me?

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

Big Question



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

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







Notice and Note

When you're reading and the author shows you a difference between what you know and what is happening in the text, OR a difference in the text.





You should and ask yourself:

"What is the difference and why does it matter?"

The answer will help you see details that show you the main idea, compare and contrast, understand the author's purpose, infer, make a generalization, or notice cause and effect.







Notice and Note

When you're reading and you notice the author uses language that leaves no doubt, exaggerates, or pushes to the limit,



You should



and ask yourself:

"Why did the author say it like that?"

The answer will tell you something about the author's point-of-view and purpose, or you might realize the author is exaggerating to make you think a certain way.



When you're reading and you notice specific numbers, number words, or amounts,



You should



and ask yourself:

"Why did the author use those numbers or amounts?"

The answer might help you come to a conclusion, make a comparison, see details, make an inference, find facts, or recognize evidence.







Notice and Note

When you're reading and you notice the author quoted a Voice of Authority, a Personal Perspective, or cited Others' Words.



You should



and ask yourself:

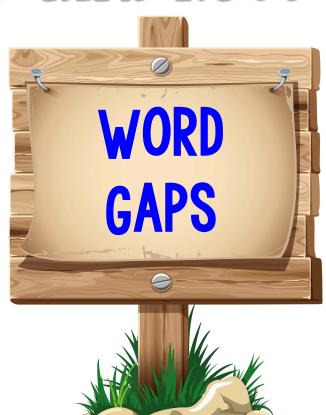
"Why did the author quote or cite this person?"

The answer will help you think about the author's point-of-view, purpose, bias, or conclusion. These words may also give perspectives, facts and opinions, or generalizations.



When you're reading and you notice the author uses a word or phrase you don't know,

You should and ask yourself,



"Do I know this word from someplace else?"
"Does this seem like technical talk for experts about this topic?"

"Can I find clues in the sentence to help me understand this word?"

The answer will help you decide if you need to look the word up, or keep reading for more information.