

# Questions for Professional Reflection on Reader and Task Considerations

## Cognitive Capabilities

- Does the reader possess the necessary **attention** to read and comprehend this specific text?
- Will the reader be able to **remember and make connections** among the various details presented in this specific text?
- Does the reader possess the necessary **critical/analytic thinking skills** to understand the relationships between the main idea, purpose, and/or theme of the text and the various details used to support that main idea, purpose, and/or theme?
- Will this specific text help to develop the **attention, memory, and critical/analytic thinking skills** necessary for future reading endeavors?

## Reading Skills

- Does the reader possess the necessary **inferencing skills** to “read between the lines” and make connections among elements that may not be explicit in this specific text?
- Does the reader possess the necessary **visualization skills** to imagine what is occurring or what is being described in this specific text?
- Does the reader possess the necessary **questioning skills** to challenge the ideas being presented in this text and consider those ideas from multiple points of view?
- Does the reader possess the necessary **comprehension strategies** to manage the material in this specific text?
- Will this specific text help to develop the **inferencing skills, visualization skills, questioning skills, and comprehension strategies** necessary for future reading endeavors?

## Motivation and Engagement with Task and Text

- Will the reader **understand the purpose**—which might shift over the course of the reading experience—for reading this specific text (i.e., skimming, studying to retain content, close reading for analysis, etc.)?
- Will the reader be **interested in the content** of this specific text?



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- Might the reader **develop an interest in this content** because of this text?
- Will the reader be **interested and engaged with the style of writing and the presentation of ideas** within this specific text?
- Will the text **maintain the reader's motivation and engagement** throughout the reading experience?

## Prior Knowledge and Experience

- Does the reader possess **adequate prior knowledge and/or experience regarding the topic** of this specific text to manage the material that is presented?
- Are there any **explicit connections** that can be made between what content the reader will encounter in this specific text and other learning that may occur in this or another class?
- Does the reader possess **adequate prior knowledge and/or experience regarding the vocabulary** used within this specific text to manage the material that is presented?
- Does the reader possess **adequate knowledge of and/or experience with the genre** of this specific text to manage the material that is presented?

## Content and/or Theme Concerns

- Are there any **potentially concerning elements of content or theme** that might contribute to students, teachers, administrators, and/or parents feeling uncomfortable with reading this specific text?
- Does the reader possess the **maturity** to respond appropriately to any potentially concerning elements of content or theme?

## Complexity of Associated Tasks

- Will the **complexity of any before-, during-, or after-reading tasks** associated with this specific text interfere with the reading experience?
- Will the **complexity of any questions asked or discussed** concerning this text interfere with the reading experience?

