

Basal Reader Review Worksheet

Teachers can use the worksheet to revise pre-existing questions from a basal reader

Basal Series, Edition, & Grade:		Text Name, Author, & Page Numbers:	
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Question Checklist	Use professional judgment in determining whether or not a question can be revised to make it text dependent; if no boxes are checked for a particular step, either reject the question outright or revise the question appropriately
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Step 1: Check that the Question Requires a Text Based Answer

<input type="checkbox"/> Is the question focused enough that it could only be answered with evidence or inferences from the text? (STANDARD 1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Is the question specific enough that it could only be asked about this particular text? (STANDARD 1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Is the question explicit enough that it could only be answered by first reading the text? (STANDARD 1)
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Step 2: Check that the Question has a Text Based Focus

<input type="checkbox"/> Is there a particular word that is the focus? (STANDARD 4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Is there a particular phrase that is the focus? (STANDARD 4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Is there a particular sentence that is the focus? (STANDARD 5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Is there a particular paragraph that is the focus? (STANDARD 5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Is there a connection between two parts of the text that is the focus? (STANDARD 5)
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Step 3: Check that the Question is Aligned to a Close Reading Skill

<input type="checkbox"/> Are students tasked with determining central ideas or themes and analyzing their development? (STANDARD 2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Are students tasked with summarizing the key supporting details and ideas? (STANDARD 2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Are students tasked with analyzing how specific word choices shape meaning or tone? (STANDARD 4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Are students tasked with analyzing how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact? (STANDARD 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Are students tasked with interpreting technical, connotative, and figurative meanings of words and phrases? (STANDARD 4)
<input type="checkbox"/> Are students tasked with assessing how point of view or purpose shapes the content and style? (STANDARD 6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Are students tasked with integrating and evaluating content presented in diverse media and formats? (STANDARD 7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Are students tasked with assessing the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence? (STANDARD 8)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Are students tasked with delineating and evaluating the specific claims and overarching argument? (STANDARD 8)	<input type="checkbox"/> Are students tasked with assessing the validity of the reasoning? (STANDARD 8)	<input type="checkbox"/> Are students tasked with analyzing how two or more texts address similar themes or topics? (STANDARD 9)	

Step 4: Suggestions for Framing Text Dependent Questions

<input type="checkbox"/> Focus on why the author chose a particular word / phrase	<input type="checkbox"/> Focus on testing comprehension of ideas and arguments	<input type="checkbox"/> Focus on noticing what is missing or understated
<input type="checkbox"/> Focus on defining academic vocabulary	<input type="checkbox"/> Focus on looking for pivot points in the paragraph	<input type="checkbox"/> Focus on unpacking challenging portions of the text
<input type="checkbox"/> Focus on examining the impact of sentence structures	<input type="checkbox"/> Focus on tracking down patterns across sections of text	<input type="checkbox"/> Focus on investigating beginnings and endings of texts

Revised Text Dependent Question	
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