

# Question Starters

Directions: Use this handout when you write questions for CSR. Question stems help make writing questions easier so keep this handout in your CSR folder!

## 1. Right There

**Tip: Remember, an answer to a Right There Question is in ONE place in the text. You should be able to point to the answer and say, "It's right there!"**

Question Stems for Right There Questions:

- Who was it that \_\_\_\_\_?
- What is \_\_\_\_\_?
- What was the turning point in \_\_\_\_\_?
- When did \_\_\_\_\_ happen?
- Where did \_\_\_\_\_ happen?
- How many \_\_\_\_\_ were there?

## 2. Think and Search

**Tip: Remember, an answer to a Think & Search Question is in at least TWO places in the text. You have to look in two or more different places to find the answer.**

Questions Stems for Think & Search Questions:

- Who was \_\_\_\_\_ and what did he (or she) do?
- What were some of the reasons for \_\_\_\_\_?
- What were some of the problems faced by \_\_\_\_\_?
- How was the problem of \_\_\_\_\_ solved?
- How are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ different?
- How are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the same?
- What changed as a result of \_\_\_\_\_?
- What caused \_\_\_\_\_?
- What were the effects of \_\_\_\_\_?

## 3. Author and You

**Tip: Remember, an answer to an Author & You question is not entirely in the text. You have to think about what the author is telling you and what you already know. The answer to an Author & You question is in your head and in the text.**

Questions Stems for Author & You Questions:

- What would you do if you were \_\_\_\_\_?
- What are the strengths (or weaknesses) of \_\_\_\_\_?
- When do you think \_\_\_\_\_ could happen again?
- Where has \_\_\_\_\_ ever happened before?
- Why is \_\_\_\_\_ a good or a bad thing?
- Why do you think \_\_\_\_\_ happened?
- How would you feel if \_\_\_\_\_?
- What do you think would have happened if \_\_\_\_\_?
- What else could we do to solve the problem of \_\_\_\_\_?
- What have you experienced similar to \_\_\_\_\_?
- Why has \_\_\_\_\_ changed or stayed the same?
- Do you agree or disagree with \_\_\_\_\_? Why?
- What might be some other points of view about \_\_\_\_\_?