

Sample 'W' questions to ask as they apply to your text – Narrative, Expository, Persuasive:

Who?

- Who else was there?
- Who else saw it happen?
- Who else knows?
- Who has the problem?
- Who cares about that now?
- Who needs to know?

What?

- What happened?
- What happened next?
- What did _____ say?
- What did you say?
- What was the problem?
- What was the best part?
- What was the worst part?
- What could you see?
- What did ____ look like?
- What could you hear?
- What could you smell?
- What color?
- What could you touch? How did it feel?
- What do you wish you could have changed?
- What happened in the beginning?
- What happened in the middle?
- What happened at the end?
- What do you remember?

- What was the result of ?
- What caused ?
- What do I know?
- What do I want to know?
- What else should my reader know?
- What did you learn about ?
- What was the most important thing?
- What does that have to do with my life today?
- What's the point?

Where?

- Where were you?
- Where were you supposed to be?
- Where was your mom, dad?
- Where was your teacher, friend?
- Where did it happen?
- Where does (did) _____ live?

Why?

- Why did that happen?
- Why do you think that happened?
- Why did you do that?
- Why did ____ do ____?
- Why did ____ say that?
- Why were you feeling that way?
- Why was it a problem?
- Why do we (you) need to know?
- Why are you interested in that?
- Why should I be interested in that?

When?

- When did that happen?
- When did you start to feel differently about that?

Which?

- Which part was the scariest?
- Which part was the best?
- Which person/animal helped the most?
- Which details are the most important to know?

How?

- How did that happen?
- How can you make that sound more interesting?
- How did the problem get solved?
- How were you feeling?
- How was _____ feeling when _____ happened?
- How many times did it happen?
- How many?
- How did it end?
- How can you make your ending stronger?
- How is that similar to?
- How is that different than?
- How do you feel about ?
- How can you say that so I'll understand it better?