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This free resource contains questions for you to use to guide your discussion of paired read-alouds and paired texts. There are seven different categories of questions. They are organized by the type of pairing you choose.

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Paired Texts Questions

Read-alouds on the same person, topic, or event

- What information about _____ was included in both texts?
- What information was included in _____, but not in _____? (and vice versa)
- Integrate details from both texts to describe/explain _____.
- Compare and contrast the different information presented in both texts.
- What questions did _____ answer about the topic that _____ did not?
- Which text provided more interesting facts and information about _____? Provide details from both texts to support your choice.

Paired Texts Questions

One fiction and one nonfiction read-aloud on a similar topic

- Compare and contrast the genres of both texts.
- How does the genre of each text affect the details provided?
- How does the information in _____ (nonfiction text) help you understand _____ (fiction text)?
- Using these two texts as examples, explain how authors can write texts about the same topic, but different genres.
- Which text was more interesting to read/listen to? Use details from both texts to support your opinion.

Paired Texts Questions

Pair a social studies text with a historical fiction read-aloud

- What details from our social studies text helped you understand the story?
- How is the genre of our social studies text different from the genre of this book?
- How does this read-aloud help you understand the events in our social studies text?
- Which text (the social studies text or the historical read-aloud) provides a more emotional experience to the event being illustrated?
- Which text provided more factual information and details to help you understand and write about the historical event?

Paired Texts Questions

Two nonfiction read-alouds about similar animals

- Using details from both texts, compare and contrast the two animals.
- According to both texts, how is _____ different from _____?
- How do the authors organize the information presented about both animals?
- How do the authors of the texts feel about or view the animals they are writing about? What evidence from the text led you to that conclusion?
- What details were provided about _____ that were not provided about _____?
- Based on the details that you read, which animal would you rather meet/come across/have as a pet?

Paired Texts Questions

Read-alouds with similar characters, settings, or plots

- Compare and contrast the story elements of both stories.
- How is the main character in _____ similar and different from the main character in _____?
- How are the settings similar? How are they different?
- How does the setting affect each story?
- What events are similar in both stories?
- What do you think would happen in _____ if _____ happened like in _____?
- What event(s) occurred in _____ that did not happen in _____?
- Do you think the characters from both stories would be friends if they knew each other? Use details from both stories to support your answer.

Paired Texts Questions

Read-alouds with similar themes

- Compare and contrast the theme of each story.
- What is one theme that both stories could have?
- How does each story explore the theme of _____?
- Compare and contrast how the theme is developed in each story.
- Provide evidence from both texts that supports that both stories have the theme of _____.
- Briefly describe another story that could have the same theme as both of these stories.
- Explain how both authors used different story elements to teach the reader the same or similar lesson.
- In your opinion, which story did a better job of teaching you the lesson of _____? Provide details from both stories to support your opinion.

Paired Texts Questions

Read-alouds with differing points of view

- Compare and contrast the point of view of each story.
- How do the different points of view affect how the story is told?
- What details are included in _____ that are not included in _____?
- Which narrator do you think is more reliable? Why do you think that?
- How would the story be even more different if it was told from the point of view of _____?
- Which story did you prefer listening to/reading? Use details from both stories to support your opinion.

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