

Discovering Significance in Narratives

Questions to Consider as Readers and Writers*

- Why is this story important to the writer?
- What is this story *really* about?
- What am I left thinking about after reading this story?
- Is there a lesson to think about in this story?
- What is important to remember about this story?
- When I dig deeper, do I discover themes in this story?
- Does this story tell me something about the world?
- Does this story tell me something about myself?
- What is the untold story?

**These questions are not intended as a checklist, but are suggested as guiding ideas to use one at a time to deepen thinking during interactive read alouds, conferences, minilessons, strategy lessons . . .*