# **Text Dependent Questions: Sample Question Starters**

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• Why does the author…?

• [Identify portion of text] What does this tell you about…?

• Why would the author want to draw attention to that detail?

• The author includes a number of details about . Look at each action. What does the author want you to understand about ?

• What evidence does the author give to support his or her description of ?

• The author provides a list of . What do these have in common?

• Why does the author make a point of saying ?

• Using evidence from the text, explain why is a good title for this selection.

• [Identify portion of text] What is the author’s purpose in using this language?

• Using the (map) and reading the text, what inferences can you draw as to reasons why ?

• Identify specific details/passages in the text that led you to infer .

• List at least three ways the author has described .

• What impact do these descriptions have on ?

• At what point does the author ?

• What happened to cause ?

• Why is this shift to first person important?

• What does (character) do to show ?

• (Character) and (character) have three very important things in common. What are these?

• What evidence is there in paragraph that ?

• What text structure(s) does the author use to ?

• Why is the text structure effective?

• Why was…?

• What instances…?

• How did…?