

## Reading Conference Questions

*Reading conferences are a vital element to reading instruction. The questions you ask students vary depending on the intention of the reading conference. There are dozens of different questions you could ask, but each conference should only last about three to five minutes. Be responsive to the students. Be sincere in your inquiry. Be amazed by how much you learn about your students!*

### Reading Life Conference

*The purpose is to gather information about your students' reading lives so that you can make recommendations for them.*

- ✕ How do you choose books?
- ✕ What is the best book you've read recently? Why did you like it?
- ✕ Tell me about a book you abandoned.
- ✕ Where/When do you typically read?
- ✕ What is on your next reads list?

### Reading Strategy Conference

*The purpose is to teach or reinforce a teaching point using a student's independent reading book.*

- ✕ Remember when we talked about how setting can create a mood in books?
- ✕ Is there somewhere in your book that you see the author describe a setting?
- ✕ Can you read it out loud to me?
- ✕ What are some key images in there?
- ✕ What does the author want you to feel when reading them?

### Reading Challenge Conference

*The purpose is to encourage students to accept a reading challenge such as reading a new author or genre or pushing up the complexity.*

- ✕ Tell me what you like about this author/genre.
- ✕ I've noticed you love fantasy. Can I make a recommendation for another fantasy book that may challenge you a bit?
- ✕ Book talk the book.
- ✕ Ask student to read the opening paragraphs out loud to you. Check for understanding.
- ✕ If it doesn't grab you, let me know. I have others!