Quick Guide to Open-Ended Questions

Open-Ended Questions for Nonfiction Text:

- What is the author's purpose for writing this text? How do you know this?
- How does the text structure assist the reader with better understanding the text?
- What is the theme of the text? Provide evidence to support your thinking.
- Who is the intended audience for this text?
- Use your context clues to paraphrase one unfamiliar word that you read in the text.

Open-Ended Questions for Fictional Text:

- How does the author's perspective affect how the events are told in the story?
- What is the theme of the text? Give evidence to support your response.
- Compare and Contrast the theme of this novel with another novel you read recently?
- What inferences can you make about the main character's motivations in the novel?
- Use your context clues to paraphrase one unfamiliar word that you read in the text.
- What was the author's purpose for writing this novel? How do you know this?
- Discuss key events in the story's plot. What event would be the climax or turning point in the story?