

Sample Inquiry Questions

How did (the writer) help readers understand who was talking in the story?

How did (the writer) categorize information and how does that help readers navigate his/her writing?

Why did (the author) group his/her information into parts?

Why did (the writer) use different kinds of punctuation throughout his piece?

Why did (the author) use quotes in this piece of writing?

How did (this author) use paragraphs purposefully?

How does (author) make characters who seem real?

How did (the writer) make you care about the issue?

How did (the writer) hook readers in the lead?

How did (the writer's) use of flashback and flash-forward affect the story's movement through time?

How did (author) create a satisfying ending?

How did (this writer) use transitions (i.e., words &/or phrases)?

How do labels help us better understand (this writer's) illustrations (and make greater meaning of the text)?

Why did (this author) use content-specific vocabulary? How did she/he help us understand the meaning of these technical words?

How did (the author) affect the tone and pace of the story?

How did (the author) use a variety of details in the piece to help him/her convince their readers?