

Thinking Words to Use in Assignments/Questioning Strategies

Higher Order Thinking Questions (HOT ZONE)	Evaluation (judgment based on criteria)	appraise, choose, compare, conclude, decide, defend, evaluate, give your opinion, judge, justify, prioritize, rank, rate, select, support, value <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would you recommend this book to your friend? Why? Why not? • Select the best...why is it the best? • What do you think will happen to...Why do you think that? • Could this story really have happened? Why do you think that? • Which person in this story would you most like to meet? Why? Why not? • Was _____ good or bad? Why?
	Synthesis (parts of info to create original whole)	change, combine, compose, construct, create, design, find an unusual way, formulate, generate, invent, originate, plan, predict, pretend, produce, rearrange, reconstruct, reorganize, revise, suggest, suppose, visualize, write <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would it be like if... • What would it be like to live... • Design a... • Did anything happen to you like... • Pretend you are... • Write a different ending • What would have happened if... • Use your imagination to draw a picture of... • Add a new thing on your own that was not in the story
	Analysis (ability to see parts and relationships)	analyze, categorize, classify, compare, contrast, debate, deduct, determine the factors, diagnose, diagram, differentiate, dissect, distinguish, examine, infer, specify <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What things would you have used • What other ways could... • What things are similar/different... • What part of this story was the most funny, sad? • What things couldn't have happened in real life? • What kind of person is... • What caused _____ to act the way _____ did? • What is the main idea of the story? • What was the message the author was trying to give us?
	Application (using learning in new situations)	apply, compute, conclude, construct, demonstrate, determine, draw, find out, give an example, illustrate, make, operate, show, solve, state a rule or principle, use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would happen if you... • Would you have done the same as... • If you were there, would you... • How would you solve this problem in your life? • In the library find out about...
	Comprehension (understanding meaning)	convert, describe, explain, interpret, paraphrase, put in order, restate, retell in your own words, rewrite, summarize, trace, translate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell me in your own words • What does it mean... • Give me an example of... • Describe what... • What does the word mean? • Make a map of...
	Knowledge (recalling information)	define, fill in the blank, identify, label, list, locate, match, memorize, name, recall, spell, state, tell, underline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where did... • What was... • Who (was) were... • When did... • Name the... • How many... • Locate in the story where it... • Point to the... • List the...