General Understanding

- Main idea of the text
- Overall organization of the text

Key Details

- Key details that support the main ideas
- The who, what when, where, why, how much, or how many
- Nuances in meaning

Vocabulary and Text Structure

- Literal and inferential meanings
- Denotation and connotation
- Figurative language
- How organization contributes to meaning

Author’s Purpose

- Purpose: Entertain? Inform? Persuade?
- Point of View: 1st person, 3rd person
  limited/omniscient, un/reliable narrator
- Critical Literacy: Who’s story is not represented?

Inference

- Probe each argument in persuasive texts*
- Probe each idea in informational texts*
- Probe each key detail in literary texts*
  * Observe how these build to a whole

Opinions, Arguments, Intertextual Connections

- Author’s opinion and reasoning (K-5)
- Evidence
- Claims and counterclaims
- Rhetoric

*Adapted from Nancy Fisher