

7 Questions to Ask Yourself When Reading a Narrative Text



1 What is the genre of the text?

Story or novel (e.g., adventure, historical, detective, science fiction, psychological), fable, myth, legend, fairy tale, short story, comic book, etc.

2 Who are the characters?

Main and secondary characters, their physical and psychological traits, their quest, the relationships between the characters, etc.

3 What elements of the text are characteristic of the genre?

Location(s), era(s), characters' actions, themes, writing style, etc.

4 Who is telling the story (narrator)?

Narrator's point of view, type of narrator, etc.

5 Does the text follow a narrative structure?

Initial situation, plot catalyst, rising action (conflict development), climax, resolution, chronological order, breaks in the chronology, etc.

6 How did you react to the text?

Emotions, values, identification with characters, links to personal experiences, etc.

7 What elements allow you to make judgments about the text?

Writing style, genre, realism, complexity, plot, etc.

