

Level 1- Literal

(you can see it right in the text)

Look for:

- Setting
- Physical character traits
- Setting
- Important events
- Figurative language (identifying)
- Summaries (at the end of each chapter)

Level 2- Inferential

(based on what the author writes, what can you infer/determine?)

Look for:

- Inferences (what is the author telling you without stating it?)
- Figurative language (what does the author mean?)
- Character traits that you can pull from physical description
- mood/tone
- Connections (to your life, to other texts)
- questions/answers
- Predictions (based on evidence)
- symbols

Level 3- Thematic

(what is the overarching ideas?)

Look for:

- Author's opinion
- Concepts that drive the plot
- Changes in the main character(s)
- Connections to the world
- Repetitive symbols