

Ladders of Questions for Literary Analysis
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Types of Questions and Answers

Literal	Interpretive	Experience-Based
Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Factual • Address key elements 	Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inferential • Motive of author or a character 	Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecting • Link text to prior knowledge, other texts, or experiences
Answers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Found directly in text • Good answers led to an accurate and complete summary of text 	Answers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Found by following patterns and seeing relationships among parts of the text • Good answers lead to an identification of the significant patterns 	Answers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Found by testing the ideas of a text against readers' schema • Good answers lead to an appreciation of the text and further discussion