Key Ideas and Details - What Does the Text Say?

1. Key understandings:
   • Identify the key understandings and insights you want students to learn from the text.
2. Build understanding of the meaning:
   • Start with easier questions about what, where, why, and how, to help build understanding of the meaning of the passage.

Craft and Structure – How Does the Text Work?

3. Vocabulary and text structure
   • Craft questions about the most powerful academic words, and text structures (e.g., cause and effect, problem/solution, compare/contrast sequence, etc.).
4. Author’s purpose and point of view:
   • Ask questions to draw the reader’s attention to the genre, author’s purpose, point of view, and multiple perspectives.

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas – What Does the Text Mean?

5. Inference questions:
   • Challenge students to examine inferences on ideas or key details/arguments in a text.
6. Intertextual questions:
   • Questions that focus on connections among ideas within the text or multiple texts.