

Figure 5.2

## Close Reading Questions Aligned to Common Core's College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading

Standard	Potential Questions For Literary Text	Potential Questions For InFormational Text
<b>1. Finding evidence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What clues to meaning do you find on the cover (illustration, title, information about the author) that prepare you to read this story? Who is the narrator?</li> <li>• What does the author mean by __?</li> <li>• Identify the characters, setting, problem, outcome.</li> <li>• What do you think are the most important details in this part of the text? Why?</li> <li>• What do you know about the character(s)/ problem/setting from this part of the text?</li> <li>• What do you know about the character(s)/ problem/setting that you didn't know before?</li> <li>• What did the author want us to know here? How do you know?</li> <li>• What is the first thing that jumps out at you? Why?</li> <li>• What is the next thing that jumps out at you? Why?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What kind of clues to meaning do you find on the cover (illustration, title, information about the author) that prepare you to read this text? What does the author mean by __?</li> <li>• Who is providing this information?</li> <li>• Identify the topic and main points.</li> <li>• What facts/details really stand out to you? Why?</li> <li>• What do you know about this person/ situation/place from this part of the text?</li> <li>• What do you know about this person/ situation/place that you didn't know before?</li> <li>• What did the author want you to know here? How do you know?</li> <li>• What is the first thing that jumps out at you? Why?</li> <li>• What is the next thing that jumps out at you? Why?</li> </ul>
<b>2. Theme, main idea, summary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain what is happening here in your own words (paraphrase).</li> <li>• What is this story starting to be about?</li> <li>• What is the author's message?</li> <li>• What is the big idea?</li> <li>• What lesson does ___ learn?</li> <li>• What is the author's message, and how does the author show this throughout the story?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain what the author is saying in your own words (paraphrase).</li> <li>• What is this [article] starting to be about?</li> <li>• What did you learn in this part of the text?</li> <li>• What is the main idea?</li> <li>• What is the main idea, and how does the author show this in the text?</li> </ul>
<b>3. Story parts, facts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does the setting (time and place) make a difference to the story?</li> <li>• How does [character] change throughout the story?</li> <li>• What character trait/feeling is present here?</li> <li>• Why does the author choose these particular details to include?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does [person] contribute to this situation/problem (or the solution of the problem)?</li> <li>• How does one event/step lead to the next (cause/effect)?</li> <li>• What are the most important facts/details?</li> <li>• Why does the author choose these particular details to include?</li> </ul>