

Levels of Thinking



GO! The answer is in the text.

Pause... you have to expand on what you already know.

STOP! You have to reference multiple places in the text and contribute something from yourself in the answer.

Level 1: Green / Literal Questions

These questions can be answered with yes, no, or specific information found within the text. A person can point to the information, read it, or physically see it. These questions focus on gathering and recalling information.

Level 2: Yellow / Inferential Questions

These questions require you to expand on what you already know (background knowledge) by using facts, details, or other clues from the text. These questions focus on making sense of gathered information.

Level 3: Red / Thinking or Opinion Questions

These questions require you to reflect upon your thinking and be able to respond with a personal or academic opinion that is supported by facts from the text. You may make a value judgment or wonder about something. These questions focus on synthesizing and evaluating information.