Question Notes: Asking Questions About Our Reading

1. Thoroughly read the chapter.

2. Create five (5) questions about the content of your reading:

- One question must start with "why".
- One question must start with "how".

Why do we need to do this? "Why" and "how" are more challenging types of questions, and therefore they develop our critical-thinking abilities. Feel comfortable asking questions that may be difficult to answer.

- The other questions may begin with any type of question word (e.g. who, what, when, where, which, why, or how).
- Focus on the key events, characters, settings and thematic symbols.
- You must provide a <u>short answer</u> (two to four sentences) for each question.

3. Remember:

- Both question and answer must be in <u>full sentences</u>. Do not start your answer with "because" or "that".
- All questions end with question marks (?).

Sample question and answer (from *Lord of the Flies*):

Why did Piggy want to hold the conch?

The conch gave power to whoever held it. It gave the holder the right to speak, and obliged the other boys - even Jack - to listen to what Piggy had to say. It was the only way for Piggy to gain power and respect, or to be heard.