

### **Questions to Ask About Factual Texts**

- 1** To what extent does the text offer readers the opportunity to add to their own knowledge?  

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- 2** Does the text provide aids such as illustrations? How helpful are the illustrations to the reader?  

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- 3** Are graphic features (maps, charts, cutaways, graphs, etc.) helpful to the reader in terms of understanding information?  

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- 4** To what extent does the text provide readers with definitions and examples to help them understand concepts?  

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- 5** Are there a sufficient number of examples to help students understand concepts?  

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- 6** Are important relationships (for example, cause and effect) explicitly stated, or does the reader need to infer them?  

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- 7** Are concepts summarized, or does the text require the reader to select the important information and remember it?  

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- 8** Do paragraphs, chapters, and sections have clear summaries of main ideas?  

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- 9** Is the organizational pattern simple, straightforward, and clear, or are there embedded concepts and narratives?  

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- 10** To what extent do the titles, headings, and subheadings help the reader find information?  

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- 11** What features of this text would make readers want to learn more about the topic?  

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- 12** What evidence is there that the text is accurate?  

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