

QUESTIONS FOR TEACHING POINT OF VIEW

These point of view questions are a part of this [Point of View in Nonfiction and Fiction Resource](#).

The full resource includes:

- 1st and 3rd person practice
- activities to help students distinguish their POV from the author/character's
- reading passages to compare & contrast different POVs
- reading passages to help students identify author bias
- writing activities
- ...and much more!

POINT OF VIEW

In Fiction & Nonfiction

COMPARING TWO POINTS OF VIEW
Read the passage below. Think about what the author is trying to say and answer the questions below.

BUCKY'S ESCAPE	MY ANNOY!
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The guest Mom's trying to sleep. My owner whined loudly to me. I headed back to the couch as the door opened.	"Drop dang!" I opened my eyes, wondering if I should go get the door or try to go back to sleep. Just as I had decided to try to sleep, Fido started barking loudly.
"Adeline!" I groaned as I climbed out of bed. I headed for the front door just in time to see Ado taking a package out of the postal worker's hands.	"Adeline!" I groaned as I climbed out of bed. I headed for the front door just in time to see Ado taking a package out of the postal worker's hands.
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"Be quiet!" I heard a girl whisper. "Mom's trying to sleep!" The barking stopped as a brown haired girl opened the door. She signed for the package I had brought her. Finally I could head home!	"Be quiet!" I heard a girl whisper. "Mom's trying to sleep!" The barking stopped as a brown haired girl opened the door. She signed for the package I had brought her. Finally I could head home!
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The guest Mom's trying to sleep! I told Fido. Fido lept back to the couch as I opened the door. A postal worker was standing at the door, waiting for me to sign for a package.	The guest Mom's trying to sleep! I told Fido. Fido lept back to the couch as I opened the door. A postal worker was standing at the door, waiting for me to sign for a package.
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POINT OF VIEW: WHO IS TELLING THE STORY?
Read the stories and determine the narrator of each story.

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Use "Are We There Yet?" and "A Walk in the Woods" to answer the questions below.

- Who is the narrator of "Are We There Yet?"
a. Lily
b. Mum
c. Ethan
d. Both Lily and Ethan
- In "A Walk in the Woods," which of the following is the narrator?
a. The narrator can only describe Ethan's feelings.
b. The narrator focuses on Mum's perspective.
c. The narrator is one of the characters in the story.
d. The narrator knows the thoughts of all three characters.
- How would "Are We There Yet?" be different if it was told from the point of view of Ethan?
a. There would be no changes because Lily is the narrator.
b. The story would have a more positive view of the trip.
c. The story would have a different setting.
d. The story would have different characters.
- What is the most important difference between the two stories?
a. The first story is told from a third person point of view.
b. The second story is told from a first person point of view.
c. The first story focuses on Ethan's feelings.
d. The first story leaves out Mum.
- What new information does the reader learn from "A Walk in the Woods"?
a. Ethan dislikes the hike, while Lily enjoys it.
b. Mum is glad to have a walk in the woods.
c. Mum is not a hiker.
d. Mum is a hiker.

DO YOU AGREE?
Read the passage below. Think about what the author is trying to say and answer the questions below.

Books Vs. Movies
Many popular children's books have been turned into movies. Both books and movies have their own effects, and performances that capture emotions in a way that books cannot. Furthermore, movies usually have large budgets and special effects that books cannot match. However, books are a better choice than movies. Books allow the reader to use their imagination to fill in the gaps that movies leave behind. When it comes to reading books, the choice between reading the book and watching the movie is always the better choice.

What Does the Author Think?	What Do You Think?

What does the author leave out about the advantages of books?

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ABOUT THIS RESOURCE

These questions are designed to get your students thinking more critically about point of view and perspective. They are organized based on Bloom's Taxonomy.

Point of View: Questions Based on Bloom's Taxonomy

Knowledge

- Define first person point of view.
- Define third person point of view.
- Who told the story?
- Point at a sentence from the passage that shows the author's point of view.
- What is point of view?
- Who is the narrator of this story?

Comprehension

- What does the author think is most important?
- How does the author feel about.....?
- What's the difference between first and third person point of view?
- What sentence from the passage best supports the author's point of view?
- How does the narrator's point of view affect the events in the narrative?
- How does the main character feel about.....?

Application

- What strategies can you use to determine the author/narrator's point of view?
- If the author rewrote this from an opposing viewpoint, what statements would need to change?
- What questions would you ask the author about his or her point of view during an interview?
- How could you change this narrative so that it is written from a third person point of view?
- What events in the narrative would change if the narrative was written from a different character's point of view?
- How would the character handle living in a new setting?

Point of View: Questions Based on Bloom's Taxonomy

Analysis

- Would the author agree or disagree with the statement.....and how do you know?
- Why do you think the author chose to say.....?
- What facts does the author state?
- What opinions does the author state?
- What evidence can you find that the author believes.....?
- Why do you think the narrator said?

Evaluation

- What information did the author choose to leave out because it opposed their point of view?
- Can you trust the author's point of view? Why or why not?
- Is the author knowledgeable on this subject? Why or why not?
- Would the narrative be better if it was written from a different character's point of view?
- Do you agree with the author's point of view? Why or why not?
- What would you have done differently from the main character? Why?

Synthesis

- Rewrite this narrative from a different character's point of view.
- Rewrite this article with an opposing viewpoint.
- How would the narrative have been different if it had been written from a first person point of view rather than a third person point of view?
- What statements would you add to the nonfiction article to make the author's point of view more clear?
- Create a comic strip that clearly shows the main character's point of view.
- Write a diary entry from the main character's point of view.

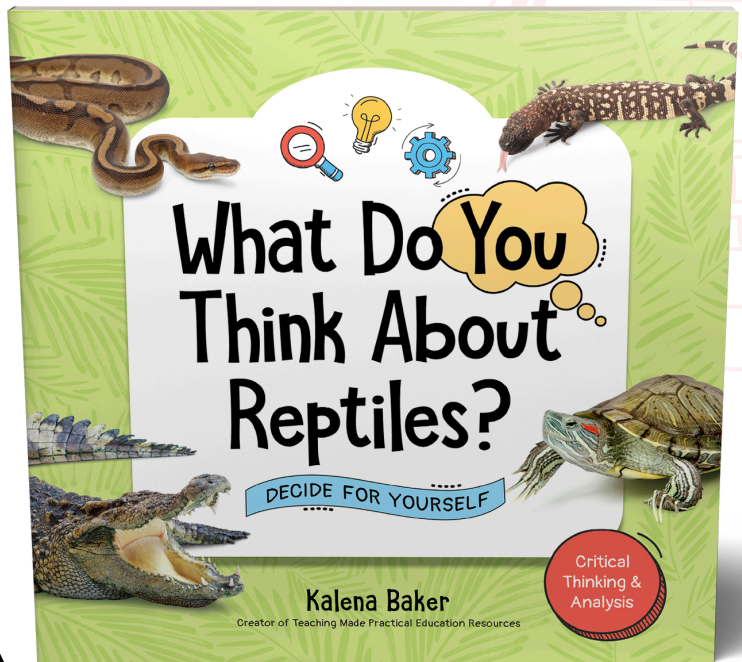
IT'S NOT REALLY A BOOK ABOUT REPTILES - IT'S ABOUT TEACHING KIDS TO THINK FOR THEMSELVES.



Kids are used to being told WHAT to think, but in this digital age, it is more important than ever for kids to learn to think for themselves! This book encourages students to **think critically** and exposes them to author bias, fact manipulation, and fact and opinion in a fun way.

Use This Nonfiction Book To Teach:

- **Fact and Opinion**
- **Point of View**
- **Author Bias**
- **Text Features**
- **Critical Thinking**
- **Word Choice**
- **...and More!**



FIND OUT MORE



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- *The Children's Book Review*

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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

SHORT CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE

Freebie

Open Response
With Paragraph Frames

SENTENCE STARTERS

- According to the text _____
- I believe _____ because _____
- An important difference / similarity is _____
- When the author says _____ it is clear that _____
- _____ demonstrates that _____
- Based on _____, the reader can conclude _____
- Paragraph _____ states _____, so _____
- _____ because _____
- Throughout this passage, the author _____
- This text highlights how _____

TRANSITION WORDS

For example	However	As a result
Therefore	Also	In contrast
Similarly	Therefore	

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