



## **CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS**

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*Typical text dependent questions ask students to **perform** one or more of the following **tasks**:*

- **Analyze** paragraphs on a sentence by sentence basis and sentences on a word by word basis to determine the role played by individual paragraphs, sentences, phrases, or words.
- **Investigate** how meaning can be altered by changing key words and why an author may have chosen one word over another.
- **Probe** each argument in persuasive text, each idea in informational text, each key detail in literary text, and observe how these build to a whole.
- **Examine** how shifts in the direction of an argument or explanation are achieved and the impact of those shifts.
- **Questions why** authors choose to begin and end when they do.
- **Note and assess patterns** of writing and what they achieve.
- **Consider** what the text leaves uncertain or unstated.