

*The 5 Key Questions
below are the basis of
Compassionate
Comprehension with the
Common Core*

5 Key Questions
to use with texts of your choice;
recommendations also offered.

Follow up with the question: *What was your evidence or proof in the text?*

Question
1

How did the character
feel, and why?

Question
2

What was the harm/
trauma caused? (Who
was hurt, and how?)

Question
3

What did anyone do to
demonstrate **Compassion**
or employ
Restorative Justice?

Question
4

What (else) would you do
to demonstrate
Compassion
or employ
Restorative Justice?

Question
5

What were the
character's
unmet needs?

