

TEXAS LITERACY INITIATIVE



## Questions that Assess Understanding

**Informal assessment**

- Questions woven into daily instruction
- Responses to discussion questions
- Written work

**Formal assessment**

- Tests
- Graded assignments

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## Formal Assessment Questions



“When I answer the test, I have to think about what the question is asking. When I ask my own questions I have to think about what the story is saying.”

(Conrad, Matthew, Zimmermann, & Allen, 2008, p. 58)

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## Formal Assessment Questions



“The questions I sometimes ask make me want to read more. But I don't have to read on to figure out the questions a test person asks. These questions don't make us think forward. You can just look back in the story.”

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