

## Defining literal, inferential and critical thinking

1. **Literal:** right there questions, answered with facts from the text
2. **Inferential:** using clues from the text and prior knowledge to determine what's not being stated directly (in one text location- e.g. a sentence or paragraph)
3. **Critical:** Using prior knowledge, facts and inferences from across the text to develop an interpretation; multiple interpretations are acceptable

*Eliciting Literal, inferential and critical thinking:*

Open-ended prompts
"Tell me more."
"What in the story makes you think that?"
"Why is that important?"
"Why do you think that?"
Repeat question

# Plan ahead!!

