**Talking Text: Reviewing novels**

* **After the children have completed reading a novel select a range of suitable questions from different AF’s. It is not necessary to use all the questions.**
* **Comment on the children’s responses on a different sheet.**
* **If you wish, the children could note some of their responses in a reading journal.**
* **Questions do not link to AF 1 as it is not assessed above level 3.**

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| **AF1** | **AF2** | **AF3** | **AF4** | **AF5** | **AF6** | **AF7** |
| *Use a range of strategies, including accurate decoding of text, to read for meaning* | *Understand, describe, select or retrieve information, events or ideas from texts and use quotation and reference to text* | *Deduce, infer or interpret information, events or ideas from texts* | *Identify and comment on the structure and organisation of texts, including grammatical and literary features at text level* | *Explain and comment on the writers’ use of language, including grammatical and literary features at word and sentence level* | *Identify and comment on writer’s purposes and viewpoints and the overall effect of the text on the reader* | *Relate texts to their social, cultural and historical contexts and literary traditions* |

Did the story end in the way you expected? Explain your answer. (AF6)

Think about the story you have just read. Can you think of another title the novel could have? (AF2)

What was the most difficult problem that the main character faced in the story? Was this problem resolved ?(AF2)

Were there any questions which were left unanswered at the end? (AF2)

Imagine there was an additional chapter at the end of the story. What might happen in this chapter? (AF3)

Were there moments in the story where you disapproved of the way **any** of the characters acted? Explain your answer. (AF6)

There are usually several climatic parts of a novel – but there is also a part of the story where the action reaches a peak. What was the most exciting part of this story? (AF6)

How would you describe the main character? Make reference to how they acted in the text. (AF2)

Were type of story was this (identify genre)? Find examples of features of the genre you have identified within the story you have just read. (AF7)

Would you like to read other books by this author? Why or why not? (AF6/7)

Make a comment on the author’s style based on the book you have just read e.g. successfully creates tension...writes in an amusing way... writes realistic fiction...uses effective description etc. Explain your comment with reference to the text. (AF6)

Did you enjoy the story? Explain your reasons in detail e.g. make reference to characters, settings, plot, genre, author style, build up of tension etc. Avoid using the word boring or good in your answer! (AF6)