

7 Questions You Can Ask to Find the Philosophy in Any Children's Book

The general idea is to find whatever is ambiguous, uncertain, problematic, debatable in the story. Any of these seven questions can be asked of any children's fiction book:

1. **Who is part hero, part villain?** (To explore the complexities of character)
2. **What is the hardest decision someone had to make, and why?** (To explore clashes of value)
3. **What is the story about in just one word – something you can't see?** (To get to the concepts)
4. **What is the moral of the story? Is it always true?** (To test how widely a principle or maxim can be applied)
5. **Was <INSERT CHARACTER> <INSERT ADJECTIVE>?** (To examine a character in relation to a concept)
6. **What should <INSERT CHARACTER> do next?** (To stimulate philosophical problem-solving and ethical judgments)
7. **What changes and what stays the same between the world of the story and our world?** (To encourage thinking about philosophical questions beyond the story)