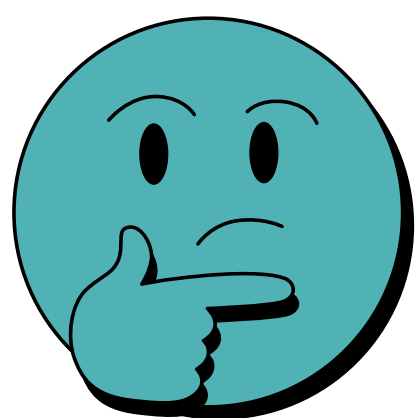


# Read like a... PHILOSOPHER



**Identify the author or authors**

Who wrote this? Who did they write it for? What was happening at that time and place? To what extent does the writing reflect the ideas and thinking of the time?



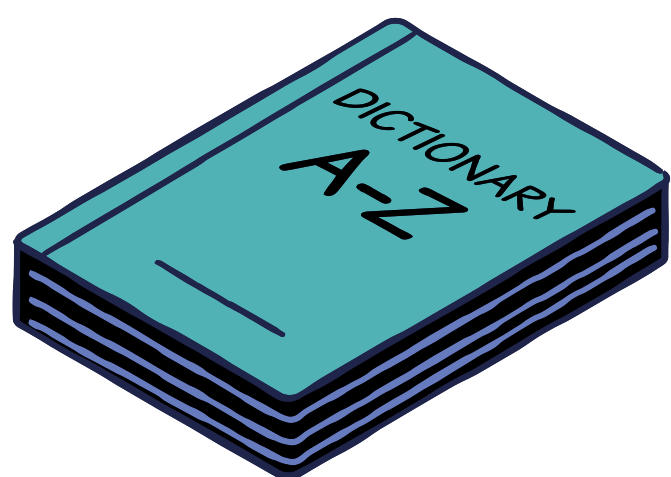
**Look for the BIG questions or ideas being explored**

Philosophy is an attempt to seek wisdom - to propose well thought out answers to puzzling questions. What puzzling issues are being considered by the writer?



**Identify philosophical methods and structure**

What philosophical tools has the writer used to present their argument? How has the writing been structured to lead the reader to a logical conclusion?



**Look for any words you find challenging or interesting**

What words are unfamiliar? Can you look them up in a dictionary? Why has the writer used academic terms? What is the impact of this vocabulary choice?



**Enter into a cognitive dialogue with the text**

Philosophy involves YOU becoming involved in discussions that have been going on for thousands of years. What do you think of the ideas being put forward? Are they logical and convincing? To what extent do you agree or disagree?

"The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be kindled" (Plutarch)

