

Inspire Your Reader: Spark a Conversation!

BRANCHES books, which bridge the gap between leveled readers and early chapter books, now include thought-provoking questions at the end of each book! Subversively educational, these questions check for your reader's understanding alongside illustrations and favorite characters.

Included here are the questions that correspond to each of the **BRANCHES** books – use them to engage your child in a conversation about what they have read and to reinforce their critical thinking skills.

With these questions for each book, you can guide your young reader in:

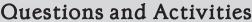
- Identifying key ideas and details
- Understanding craft and structure
- Building foundational skills through phonics, word recognition, and fluency
- Acquiring new vocabulary

Happy reading with **BRANCHES!**

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RISE THE EARTH DRAGON





Look at the picture on top of page 10. How do you think Rori FEELS about Drake?

Why does Worm follow Drake through the tunnel even though he warned Drake not to go?

How does Worm SAVE the Dragon Masters?

Why do you think the Dragon Masters confess to Griffith that it was their idea to bring the dragons outside?

If you had a dragon, what kind of special power would you want it to have? DRAW a picture of your dragon performing the special power.



DRAGON MASTERS SAVING THE SUN DRAGON

Questions and Activities

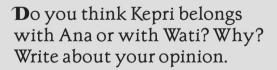


Name some similarities between the Dragon Masters and their dragons. For example, how is Bo similar to Shu?

What CAUSES Kepri to get sick?

Who are Heru and Wati? Why are they important?

Why does Drake LIE to King Roland on page 88?



SECRET THE WATER DRAGON

Questions and Activities



Look back at the words and pictures to find CLUES that something was bothering Bo.

Why does someone want to steal the Dragon Stone?

Look back at the words and pictures to DESCRIBE the Rayen Guards.

What is Shu the Water Dragon's secret power?

Write a story about what might have happened in Diego's dream.



POWER OF FIRE DRAGON



Why are only TWO of the dragons invited to Queen Rose's festival?

Why do you think Maldred is so interested in Worm? What might he do once Worm is under his control? Reread page 59 for clues.

How does Maldred control the dragons?

King Roland's voice is described as booming and gruff. Think of other similar ADJECTIVES to describe King Roland's voice. Use a dictionary or thesaurus for help!

Imagine you are the hydra's new Dragon Master. Write and draw pictures about your adventures. SHARE your story with a friend!

SONG THE POISON DRAGON

Questions and Activities



What is the Dragon Masters' first impression of Petra?

How does Petra feel about her dragon at first? How can you tell? Give EXAMPLES.

How does Drake help Petra feel better about being a Dragon Master?

What happens when the hydra sings?

After the hydra poisoned the king, would YOU have taken sides with the villagers? Why or why not? Explain your answer in writing.



FLIGHT THE MOON DRAGON

Questions and Activities



Why is the prime Dragon Stone important? What are the signs that it is weakening?

Why is Wati the ONLY dragon who can look for the Pyramid of the Seven Dragons?

How do the dragons use their powers to open the doors in the pyramid? Reread parts of the text to help you retell the information.

What was causing the prime Dragon Stone to weaken? Explain.

Write a narrative story about what YOU think will happen next with the Lightning Dragon! Make sure to use the words first, then, and finally to guide your story.

