



# 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

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# DRAGON MASTERS

## RISE OF THE EARTH DRAGON

### Questions and Activities



Look at the picture on top of page 10. How do you think Rori **FEEELS** 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.



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## 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?

Do you think Kepri belongs with Ana or with Wati? Why? Write about your opinion.



# DRAGON MASTERS

## SECRET OF 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 Raven Guards.

What is Shu the Water Dragon's secret power?

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





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## POWER <sup>OF</sup> THE FIRE DRAGON

### Questions and Activities



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?

**K**ing 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!

**I**magine you are the hydra's new Dragon Master. Write and draw pictures about your adventures.

**SHARE** your story with a friend!



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## SONG OF 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.**



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## FLIGHT OF 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.**

