**Thinking Jobs by Genre**

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| Genre | Thinking Job |
| Poetry | What is the literal meaning?  What is the deeper meaning? |
| Realistic Fiction | Who is the character?  What is their motivation?  What is the problem?  How do they solve it?  What’s the lesson learned? |
| Nonfiction article | What does the author *mostly* want to teach me about this topic?  What’s the author’s point of view? |
| How-to/recipe | What is this teaching you how to do? |
| Biography | Who is the important person, and what were her key accomplishments? |
| Fable/Folktale/Fairy tale | Who are the characters?  What is their motivation?  What is the problem?  How do they solve it?  What is the lesson/moral that the story is teaching you? |
| Myth | Who are the characters?  What is their motivation?  What is the problem?  How do they solve it?  *Then:*  What natural event does this explain?  OR What is the lesson/moral? |
| Interview | Who is being interviewed and what do we learn from the interview? |
| Letter | Who is it from?  Who is it to?  What is the purpose? |