

Taxonomy

Basic Thinking			Abstract Thinking			
Unraveling The Mystery of The Westing Game	Knowledge	Comprehension	Application	Analysis	Creative Thinking	Critical Thinking
1. What are the main components of a mystery?	1. Have students list possible components. Demonstrate a mystery with the game "Clue"	2. Why are these components important for a mystery?	3. Come up with examples of famous TV shows that are mysteries. Why are these shows popular?	4. So the detectives or persons responsible for solving the crimes have similar characteristics?	5. Using the key component for a mystery, write your own.	6. Switch mysteries with a partner. Before the answer to the mystery is uncovered, make your own prediction and finish your friend's story on a piece of paper.
2. Describe the characters in the Westing Game.	7. Make a list of the main characters, listing one or two character traits for each.	8. Draw a sketch of Sunset Towers. List who lives in what apartment with who.	9. Pick a character within the book and justify why they deserve to win the Westing game.	10. Pick a pair of heirs that have been matched up and in a paragraph state why you think they will make a good team or not.	11. From the viewpoint of an heir, write a letter to Sam Westing telling him why you are unhappy or happy with your partner.	12. If you had to guess which heir will win the Westing game, who do you think it will be and why?
3. Why would The Westing Game be considered a mystery?	13. Has a crime been committed and how do we know?	14. What must the characters do in order to solve the crime?	15. Take the clues given to you in the book and try to come up with an idea of what they mean.	16. What do you think the culprits motive could have been for killing Sam Westing?	17. With a partner create your own clue game using the characters in the book. You choose weapons and make the board look like Sam Westing's house.	18. Play another's person's board game.

4. What does the author intend for her reader?	19.Does the author want to you to like or dislike Sam Westing?	20. What characters did the author want to stand out? Why?	21.Which character in the book do you think the author is most like and why?	22.Why did she make the characters lives better after the game, even if they didn't win the money?	23.Write a business letter to the author stating why you liked her book. Tell her things you would have added.	24.What was the overall theme the author intended for the book?
5. What did the participant's gain from playing the Westing game?	25. Who actually figured out the crime?	26. How did this person find the answer to the crime?	27.Why do you think the winner deserved to win? Did this person have any special qualities?	28.Which character do you think was most worthy of the reward?	29.Pretend that you are a journalist and you are writing an article for the paper about the Westing Game.	30.What did Sam Westing want his players to gain from playing his game, other than money?
Independent Study	Select a topic	Develop a Challenge	Develop a Plan	Gather Information	Organize Information	Present Findings