

# COMA questions for the epistles

## Context

- What can you learn about the person or situation to which the letter is written?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What clues are there about the author and his circumstances?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What was the main point of the passage immediately before this one? Are there logical or thematic connections to the passage you are reading?

## Observation

- Are there any major sub-sections or breaks in the text? Are there key connecting words (for, therefore, but, because) that indicate the logical flow of the passage?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What is the main point or points? What supporting points does the author make?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What surprises are there in the flow of the argument?

## Meaning

- How does this text relate to other parts of the book?
  
- How does the passage relate to Jesus?
  
- What does this teach you about God?
  
- How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?

## Application

- How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding?
  
- Is there some attitude you need to change?
  
- How does this passage call on you to change the way you live?

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