

HOT SPOTS!!!

Place the color-coded labels right in the margin next to a specific line in the book that you are reading. Pay attention to the chart to know which color is appropriate for your choice. Place the label so that a small part hangs over the edge of the page to make it easier to find those places in the story and later remove after the class discussion.

COLOR

WHAT YOU MIGHT BE THINKING



Wow, that was interesting!
I enjoyed that part.
The protagonist is funny.

You can see that **RED** spots are for positive thoughts and feelings.



I don't like that.
The antagonist made me angry.
That's not fair!
I feel sad or upset about that event.

Now you know that **BLUE** dots are for negative thoughts and feelings.



I never knew that!
I wonder what that means?
How can that happen?
Why did he or she say that?
I wonder if this is story climax?

GREEN spots are used when the story really makes you think. You may have learned something new or may not understand a section of the story. Use these labels when you ask yourself questions even if you don't know the answers yet.



I act like that sometimes.
That reminds me of the time when.....
I was thinking that would happen!
He sounds like my dad.
I think this is foreshadowing.
This is just like what happened in my last book.
I think the conflict is person vs _____.

YELLOW spots are great when you connect what you are reading to something else you have experienced or read about. You can also use them to make a prediction. Yellow represents the light bulb that goes off in your head when you make reading connections.

Try reading with your **HOT SPOTS** handy. Good readers will often use many labels because they are always thinking, feeling, and reacting to what they have read.