

Thinking Stems...

<h3>Making Connections:</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This reminds me of...• In my experience...• I have a connection...• This reminds me of the book ____ because...• How can I live differently because this book has been a part of my life?	<h3>Asking Questions</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I wonder...• Why...• I'm confused about... because...• What if...• I don't understand...• I wonder what would happen if...
<h3>Visualizing:</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In my mind, I picture...• When I read...I visualized...• The words... help me imagine...• I can really taste/feel/hear/smell..	<h3>Inferring/ Predicting:</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I think...because• Maybe this means...• I'm guessing...• I assume... because• I predict... because...
<h3>Summarizing:</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• So far, this book/chapter is mostly about...• The main ideas are...• Some important events are... because• First...Next... Then... Finally	<h3>Synthesizing:</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At first I thought...but now I'm thinking...because...• I'm changing my thinking again...• I think the lesson/theme is...• These events make me believe...
<h3>Evaluating:</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I agree with... because...• I disagree with...• If I were in this situation...•	<h3>Characters:</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The main character is...• If I were (character's name), I would...• The character that I relate to best is...• (Character's name) reminds me of ____ because...• A character that really changed in this story was... because....• I like/don't like (character's name) because... An important influence on the main character is... because....
<h3>Language:</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I like the way the author described...• ____is a new word for me. I think it means... because...• I notice...• On page ____ I spy the following example of a <i>simile/ metaphor/personification/ alliteration/ pun/ synonym</i>...	<h3>Plot:</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One problem I've identified is...• _____ (character's name) will try to solve the problem by...• I think ____should... to overcome his/her obstacle• Another ending for this story could have been• Another title for the story/chapter could be_____

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Determining Importance:

- What I need to remember is...
- What's important is...
- What stands out is...
- If I had to focus on one idea, it's...
- The big idea is...

Setting:

- In story takes place...
- The words the author uses to "show" the setting are...
- Something I noticed about the setting is
- I would not like to live in this time/place because...
- I would like to live in this time/place because
- If this story took place in (another setting), I think it would affect the story because...
- What I already know about this setting is...
- What I want to learn about this setting is...

Non-Fiction Stems

- Something that interests me about this topic is...
- Something I learned is...
- Something I want to investigate further is...
- A question I still have is...
- A word I learned is... which means...
- I understood this information because I...
- A text feature that helped me is... because...
- Something I still don't understand is...

Author:

- I think the author wrote this book because
- It's interesting how the author...
- I wonder why the author...
- Something I noticed about the author's style is...
- I'd like to read another book by this author because...
- I have also read _____ by this author and I notice....
- This author isn't my favorite because...
- What I learned about this author is...

Illustrator:

- I noticed the illustrator used...
- An illustration that interested me most was...because...
- Something unique about the illustrations was...
- The illustrations add to the story by...
- I wish the illustrator had...
- When I compared to the picture in my head with the one in the book...
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Author's Message:

- The author wants readers to...
- This story's theme is...
- What this book says about the world is...

MORE...

- If I could change one thing about the book...
- My favorite part about the book is...
- I wish...
- I was surprised by...
- As I read this section, I felt... because...
- I noticed...
- I would classify this book's genre as _____ because...

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