

Thinking Stems: Being An Active Reader

<p>Making Connections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This reminds me of... • An experience I have had like that... • This reminds me of the book _____ because... • How can I live differently because this book has been a part of my life? 	<p>Asking Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I wonder... • How come... • Why... • I'm confused... • What if... • I don't understand...
<p>Visualizing/Sensory Images:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In my mind I picture _____ when I read _____... • I visualized... • I can see... • I can taste/hear/smell/feel... 	<p>Inferring/Predicting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think... • Maybe this means... • I'm guessing... • This allows me to assume... • I predict _____ because...
<p>Summarizing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So far this book is mostly about... • The main ideas in this book are... • Some important events are _____ because... • First....Next....Then....Finally 	<p>Synthesizing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I'm thinking that... • At first I thought _____ but now I'm thinking _____ because... • I'm changing my thinking again because... • I think the lesson or theme is _____ because... • These events have caused me to believe...
<p>Author's Message:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is this story really about? • What does this story say about the world? • Whose story is being told? • What are the themes I have been identifying so far? • What is the lesson of this book? 	<p>Evaluating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I agree with _____ because... • I don't think ... • _____ • _____
<p>Setting (Time and Place):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This story takes place... • Something I noticed about the setting... • I would/would not like to live during this time period/in this place because... • The author used _____ to describe the setting... 	<p>Characters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If I were (<u>character's name</u>) I would... • The character that interests me most is _____ because... • A character that really changed in the story was _____ because he/she ... • I like/don't like (<u>character's name</u>) because...

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<p>Plot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think a problem in this story is... • I think (<u>character's name</u>) will try to solve this problem by... • An event that I think might happen next is... • Another way this story could have ended is... • Predict how the character might overcome an obstacle. 	<p>Language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like the way the author described... • _____ is a new word for me. I think it might mean _____ because... • An interesting (word, phrase, or sentence) that I noticed ... • _____ is one of my favorite passages because... <p>*Record page numbers where you noticed language!</p>
<p>Author:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think the author wrote this book because... • It's interesting how the author... • Something I noticed about the author's style... • I'd like to read another book by this author because... • I do/don't like this author's writing style because... 	<p>Illustrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If I were the illustrator of this book I would change/draw... • I could draw _____ as a symbol for _____ because... • Illustrations would/wouldn't make this story more interesting because...
<p>Non-Fiction Prompts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Something that interests me about this topic is... • Something new I learned... • I want to learn more about... • Some questions I still have about the topic... • The author made the topic interesting by.... • An illustration or picture that interested me the most was _____ because... • Something I don't understand... 	<p>Open - ended Prompts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If I could change one part of the selection, I would change _____ because ... • I wish... • Something that surprised me was... • As I read this selection, I felt _____ because... • I liked/didn't like when _____ because... • My favorite part was when _____ because... • I noticed... • I think the genre of this selection is _____ because...