

Reading Thinking Stems

Use these Stems to get you thinking about what you read! **Be an active reader.** You will use these to RESPOND to your reading all year in response activities and in literature circles! Most of these are GREAT for writing Paragraph 2 of a response letter, unless I noted otherwise!

<p><u>A. Making Connections:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This reminds me of... 2. An experience I have had like that... 3. This reminds me of the book _____ because... 4. How can I live differently because this book has been a part of my life? 	<p><u>B. Asking Questions:</u> (paragraph 3)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I wonder... 2. How come... 3. Why... 4. I'm confused... 5. What if... 6. I don't understand...
<p><u>C. Visualizing/Sensory Images:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In my mind I picture _____ when I read _____... 2. I visualized... 3. I can see... 4. I can taste/hear/smell/feel... 	<p><u>D. Inferring/Predicting:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I think... 2. Maybe this means... 3. I'm guessing... 4. This allows me to assume... 5. I predict _____ because...
<p><u>E. Summarizing:</u> (Paragraph 1)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. So far this book is mostly about... 2. The main ideas in this book are... 3. Some important events are _____ because... 4. First....Next....Then....Finally 	<p><u>F. Synthesizing:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I'm thinking that... 2. At first I thought _____ but now I'm thinking _____ because... 3. I'm changing my thinking again because... 4. I think the lesson or theme is _____ because... 5. These events have caused me to believe...
<p><u>G. Author's Message:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is this story really about? 2. What does this story say about the world? 3. Whose story is being told? 4. What are the themes I have been identifying so far? 5. What is the lesson of this book? 	<p><u>H. Evaluating:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I agree with _____ because... 2. I don't think ... 3. _____ 4. _____
<p><u>I. Setting (Time and Place):</u> (Paragraph 1)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This story takes place... 2. Something I noticed about the setting... 3. I would/would not like to live during this time period/in this place because... 4. The author used _____ to describe the setting... 	<p><u>J. Characters:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If I were (<u>character's name</u>) I would... 2. The character that interests me most is _____ because... 3. A character that really changed in the story was _____ because he/she ... 4. I like/don't like (<u>character's name</u>) because...

<p><u>K. Plot:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I think a problem in this story is... 2. I think (<u>character's name</u>) will try to solve this problem by... 3. An event that I think might happen next is... 4. Another way this story could have ended is... 5. Predict how the character might overcome an obstacle. 	<p><u>L. Language:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I like the way the author described... 2. _____ is a new word for me. I think it might mean _____ because... 3. An interesting (word, phrase, or sentence) that I noticed ... 4. _____ is one of my favorite passages because... <p>*Record page numbers where you noticed language!</p>
<p><u>M. Author:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I think the author wrote this book because... 2. It's interesting how the author... 3. Something I noticed about the author's style... 4. I'd like to read another book by this author because... 5. I do/don't like this author's writing style because... 	<p><u>N. Illustrator:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If I were the illustrator of this book I would change/draw... 2. I could draw _____ as a symbol for _____ because... 3. Illustrations would/wouldn't make this story more interesting because...
<p><u>O. Non-Fiction Prompts:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Something that interests me about this topic is... 2. Something new I learned... 3. I want to learn more about... 4. Some questions I still have about the topic... 5. The author made the topic interesting by.... 6. An illustration or picture that interested me the most was _____ because... 7. Something I don't understand... 	<p><u>P. Open – ended Prompts:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If I could change one part of the selection, I would change _____ because ... 2. I wish... 3. Something that surprised me was... 4. As I read this selection, I felt _____ because... 5. I liked/didn't like when _____ because... 6. My favorite part was when _____ because... 7. I noticed... 8. I think the genre of this selection is _____ because...