

Reading Strategies and Reflection Starters

Strategy	What strategic readers are thinking	Sentence starters for reflection
<p>Making Connections</p> <p>Text to Self Text to Text Text to World</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does this remind me of something? • Has something like this ever happened to me? • Do I know someone like this character? • Am I like this character? • Have I ever felt this way? • What do I already know that helps me understand this? • Does this info confirm or conflict with other things I've read/watched? • What do I know about the author/genre that influenced me reading? • Did this make me think of real events in the news or in history? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This reminds me of... • I connected to this when... • ___ made me remember a time when... • This relates to my life because... • ___ makes me think about... • This part makes me remember... • I had a strong connection to this part because... • This is like... • This is familiar to me because... • This is similar to...
<p>Asking Questions</p> <p>Strategic readers ask themselves questions before, during and after reading to better understand the author and the meaning of the text</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the author saying? • What am I wondering? • What confuses me? • What would I like to ask the author? • What does this word/line mean? • Why is this happening? • Why did this character....? • Is this important? • How does this connect to what I already read? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I wonder... • I would like to ask the author... • Who... • What... • Where... • When... • Why... • How... • This makes me wonder... • What does ___ mean?
<p>Inferring/making logical assumptions</p> <p>Strategic readers make assumptions based on clues that are given in what they read.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does the author hint at without saying it? • What does this mean if I read between the lines? • What clues are there that give me info without directly saying it? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I assume ___ because the text said _____. • Because a character said/did _____, I can assume _____ • I think _____ because _____.

<p>Visualizing</p> <p>Strategic readers picture what is happening as they read.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What pictures or scenes come to mind? • What do I hear, taste, smell, or feel? • What do the characters, setting, and events of a story look like in my mind? • What helps me to picture this? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I could really picture ____ because... • The description of ____ helped me to picture... • I created a mental image of... • In my mind I could really see... • When it said ____ I could imagine... • If this were a movie...
<p>Making Predictions</p> <p>Strategic readers think about what is going to happen and make predictions based on what they know and what they've read.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What text/picture clues can help me predict? • What background knowledge do I have that will help me with this? • What will I learn from this? • Were my predictions correct? • How did making a prediction help me with this reading? • What will happen next? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think this will be about ____ because... • I think ____ is going to happen next because ____ • I predict that... • ____ makes me think that ____ will happen because... • I thought ____ was going to happen, but ____ happened instead. • I'm guessing ____ will happen to ____ because... • My predictions were right/wrong because....
<p>Feeling</p> <p>Strategic readers experience and think about different feelings as they read.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does this make me feel? • What is it that makes me feel this way? • What feeling is the author trying to achieve? • How do I think this character feels? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This word/line makes me feel... • The tone of this text is very.... • I think the author is trying to make readers feel ____ because ____ • I bet this character feels ____ because...
<p>Evaluate</p> <p>Strategic readers judge and critique what they are reading</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is this story good? Why? • Do I agree with what the writer is saying? Why or why not? • Should I keep reading this? • What do I like about this? • What do I dislike about this? • What did the author do well? • What was weak about this text? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like/don't like this text because.... • I agree/disagree with ____ because.... • I like how the author.... • I like the part where.... • The writer could improve on.... • The writer did a good job at....