

Thinking Stems...

Making Connections:

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?

Asking Questions

I wonder...
Why...
I'm confused about... because...
What if...
I don't understand...
I wonder what would happen if...

Visualizing:

In my mind, I picture...
When I read... I visualized...
The words... help me imagine...
I can really taste/feel/hear/smell..

Inferring/ Predicting:

I think... because
Maybe this means...
I'm guessing...
I assume... because
I predict... because...

Summarizing:

So far, this book/chapter is mostly about...
The main ideas are...
Some important events are... because
First..Next...Then... Finally

Synthesizing:

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...

Evaluating:

I agree with... because...
I disagree with...
If I were in this situation...

Characters:

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...

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Setting