

Active Reading Sentence Starters

Visualizing

- *I can picture...
- *In my mind I see...
- *If this were a movie...
- *This appeals to several senses...

Questioning

- *I wonder why...
- *What if...
- *How come...
- *To understand better, I need to know more about...
- *Why did...

Inferencing/Predicting

- *I already know that...
- *I bet that...
- *I think...
- *If..., then...
- *A conclusion I'm drawing is...

Evaluating/Synthesizing

- *The most important message is...
- *What this means to me is...
- *I think this represents...
- *I agree/disagree with the author's opinion...

Making Connections

- *This reminds me of...
- *I experienced this once when...
- *The character I most identify with ...
- *This is relevant to my life because...
- *I can relate to this author because...

Determining Importance

- *The basic gist or general idea is...
- *The author's attitude toward the topic is clear when...
- *This word/phrase stands out for me because...
- *I like how the author uses _____ (technique)

Monitoring Understanding

- *I got lost here because...
- *I need to reread the part where...
- *I know I'm on the right track because
- *At first I thought... but now I think...
- *My latest thought about this is...
- *I'm getting a different picture here because...
- *Something that is still not clear is...
- *I'm guessing that this means _____, but I need to...