

COGNITIVE STRATEGIES SENTENCE STARTERS

PLANNING AND GOAL SETTING:

- My purpose is...
- My top priority is...
- To accomplish my goal, I plan to...

ACTIVATING SCHEMATA:

- I already know that...
- This reminds me of...
- This relates to...

ASKING QUESTIONS:

- I wonder why...
- What if...
- How come...

MAKING PREDICTIONS:

- I'll bet that...
- I think...
- If __, then...

VISUALIZING:

- I can picture...
- In my mind I see...
- If this were a movie...
- Let me draw this

MAKING CONNECTIONS:

- Does this remind me of something?
- Am I like this character?
- I experienced this once when...
- I can relate to this because...

SUMMARIZING:

- The basic gist is...
- The key information is...

ADOPTING AN ALIGNMENT:

- I really got into the story when...
- I can relate to this author because...
- The character I most identify with is...

FORMING INTERPRETATIONS:

- What this means to me is...
- I think this represents...
- The idea I'm getting is...

MONITORING:

- I got lost here because...
- I need to reread the part where...
- I know I'm on the right track because...

CLARIFYING:

- To understand better I need to know more about...
- Something that is still not clear is...
- I'm guessing here, but I need to...

REVISING MEANING:

- At first, I thought __, but now I...
- My latest thought about this is...
- I'm getting a different picture here because...

ANALYZING AUTHOR'S CRAFT:

- My favorite line is...
- This word/phrase stands out for me because...
- I like how the author uses __ to show...

REFLECTING AND RELATING:

- So, the big idea is...
- A conclusion I'm drawing is...
- This is relevant to my life because...

EVALUATING:

- I like/ don't like __ because...
- The most important message is...
- This could be more effective if...