

Classroom Talking Stems

<p style="text-align: center;">Expressing My Opinion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think/ believe that... • It seems to me that... • In my opinion... • I find it interesting that ..., but on the other hand ... • I can't say I agree with this, because... 	<p style="text-align: center;">Making Connections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This reminds me of... because... • This is like..., for the reason that... • This is similar to... because... • I also (name something in the text that also happened to you)... • This event in the story makes me think of... because... • This character is like...
<p style="text-align: center;">Visualizing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The words that help me paint a picture are... • I picture this part as... because... • The way I imagine this setting is... because in the text it says... • The way I picture this character is... because... • The kind of graphic organizer I would use for this would be... since... • A text feature* that helps me understand something is the... because... 	<p style="text-align: center;">Determining Importance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What I think is important here is... because... • This is really important because... • This is really interesting, but what seems to be more important is..., for the reason that... • I think the big idea is ... for the reason that... • The most important facts are... because... • This is important to remember because...
<p style="text-align: center;">Inferring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ah-ha! Now I understand that... because... • From the text clues, I can conclude that... for the reason that... • Based on what the text says and what I know, I think... because... • The evidence suggests..., for the reason that... • Although the writer does not come right out and say it, I can figure out that... because... 	<p style="text-align: center;">Summarizing and Synthesizing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If I had to summarize this quickly, I'd say the important points are... • I think the big idea here is... for the reason that... • I used to think _____, but now that I've read this, I think... in light of... • Something I never thought about before is that... • A new thought I've had is that... because... • My opinion now is that ... being that...
<p>Extenders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I agree / disagree with _____ (student's name) because, _____, but I want to add _____. (Give another reason.) • I'm not sure why _____ (student's name) said, "_____." I would like for him/her to reword their comments to help me understand. • The most interesting comment I heard was _____ because _____. 	