

### When Writing Reading Reflections, Keep in Mind.....

WHAT I Can Write About (Topics)	HOW I Can Say It
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Setting</li> <li>● Character traits (inner and outer)</li> <li>● Conflict (internal and external)</li> <li>● Theme</li> <li>● Relationships between characters</li> <li>● Mood</li> <li>● Symbols</li> <li>● Writer's Craft (structure, word choice, perspective)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This is making me realize...</li> <li>● At first, I thought ... , but now I think....</li> <li>● One way of looking at this is.... On the other hand, it could also be ...</li> <li>● I'm beginning to think that...</li> <li>● Now I understand that...</li> </ul>

#### **The Notice & Notice Signposts...**

**Moment of Contrast and Contradictions-** The author shows feelings, actions, or rules that the reader hasn't seen before or doesn't expect. It is surprising to you as the reader

- I think the character is doing this because....
- I think this might mean that....
- I think the author uses this contrast and contradiction to show the reader....

**Aha! Moment** - When a character realizes or comes to a new understanding about something

- This might change things because...
- Now that the character knows this, he/she might...
- This shows the theme of the book because.....

**Tough Questions-** When a character must make a choice or difficult decision. Often characters asks through his/her inner monologue or inner thinking

- This tough question is making me think...
- This shows me that the character is feeling....
- This makes me predict that...

**Words of the Wiser-** A wiser and older character taking the main character aside and giving serious advice

- This advice is important in the story and in life because...
- After getting this advice, the main character might...

**Again and Again-** A word, idea, situation, symbol, etc. is repeated over and over.

- I think the author keeps repeating this because...
- I think this might be important because...

**Memory Moment-** Character recalls something that happened in the past.

- The character remembered...
- I think this memory might be important because...
- I think the author uses this flashback to show readers...

## **Focused Prompts for Reading Reflections**

- Write about a theory/inference you came up with and support it using details from the text.
- Copy important lines from the story, then write about these lines. Why do you think they're important? What do they reveal?
- Write about what you can infer about the protagonist in the story. What words would you use to describe his/her personality? What is his/her relationship like with other characters in the story?
- What does the character learn in the story? What did you learn/realize from reading the story?
- What techniques do you see the author using in the story? What goal(s) does the technique accomplish? In other words, what is the purpose of the technique being used?
- If you had to choose a character from a story you read to be like, who would it be? Why? What traits does this character have that you would want to emulate (copy)? Where in your story do you see the character showcasing these traits?
- What conflicts (problems) does the protagonist in the story face? How does the protagonist attempt to overcome the problem? What is the resolution?