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- I think this represents...
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### Monitorina

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- I need to reread the part ٠ 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 that this means \_\_\_\_, 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 ٠ here because...

### Analyzing the Author's Craft

- A golden line for me 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...

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