

## Cognitive Strategies Sentence Starters

### *Planning and Goal Setting*

- My purpose is...
- My top priority is ...
- I will accomplish my goal by...

### *Tapping Prior Knowledge*

- 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...

### *Making Connections*

- This reminds me of...
- I experienced this once when...
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### *Summarizing*

- The basic gist is...
- The key information is...
- In a nutshell, this says that..

### *Adopting an Alignment*

- The character I most identify with is...
- I really got into the story when...
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### *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 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 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...

### *Evaluating*

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- My opinion is \_\_\_\_\_ because...
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