

Cognitive Strategies Sentence Starters

Planning and Goal Setting

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

Tapping Prior Knowledge

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

Asking Questions

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

Predicting

- 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...
- I can relate to this because...

Summarizing

- The basic gist...
- 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...
- I can relate to this author because...

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

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

