Reading Comprehension Sentence Starter Cards

Predict  Comment  Clarify
Connect  Synthesize  Question
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Suggestions for Use

Independent Reading:
• Students draw cards from the pile:
  o After a story is finished
  o At the end of each chapter
  o After every two pages

In Small Groups:
• Take turns drawing cards and answering

In Literature Circles:
• One student “job” can be comprehension checker. He gives two cards randomly to every student and they share their ideas.

In Large Groups:
• Teacher pulls a card and everyone thinks of an answer. Teacher calls on students to share.

*I like to print cards on different colored paper and laminate them for more durable and longer-lasting cards.
Make a Prediction!
I know _____, so I think _____ will happen next.

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Make a Prediction!
I wonder if...

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Make a Prediction!
I predict that...

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Make a Prediction!
Because of _____, I think _____ will happen later.

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Make a Prediction!
I bet that...

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Make a Prediction!
The picture makes me think that...

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This reminds me of…

The character _____ is similar to me because…

The problem in this story reminds me of ______ because…

This story makes me think about…

The character ______ is different than me because…

The character ______ reminds me of ______ because…
Now I understand that…

At first I thought _____, but now I think…

I think this means…

Oh, now I get…

Now _____ makes sense because…

This part is really saying that…
Ask a Question!
Why did...?

Ask a Question!
Why didn't...

Ask a Question!
What would happen if...?

Ask a Question!
How does...

Ask a Question!
Who is...

Ask a Question!
What made...?
I think that…

My favorite part (so far) is…

This is good because…

This is difficult because…

I don't like it when…

I like _____ because…
Synthesize Something!
Before I read I thought ______, but now I think…

Synthesize Something!
This part gives me an idea…

Synthesize Something!
I learned…

Synthesize Something!
Now I understand…

Synthesize Something!
Some of the most important ideas are…

Synthesize Something!
I discovered…
Make a Prediction!

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