Sentence Starters for Reader Response

**Tapping Prior Knowledge:**
I already know that...
This reminds me of...
This relates to...

**Forming Interpretations:**
What this means to me is...
I think this represents...
The idea I’m getting is...
One question that this text answers is...
One question that this text addresses is...

**Asking Questions:**
I wonder why...
What if...
How come...
How is it possible that...

**Monitoring:**
I lost track of everything except...
I need to reread the part where...
I know I’m on the right track because...
A term or idea that was unclear to me was...

**Predicting:**
I’ll bet that...
I think...
If ____ then ...

**Revising Meaning:**
At first I thought _____, but now I...
My latest thought about this is...
I’m getting a different picture here because...

**Visualizing:**
I can picture...
In my mind I see...
If this were a movie...

**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...

**Making Connections:**
This reminds me of...
I experienced this once when...
I can relate to this to other readings because...
The argument here is similar to ___ because...
Another example of ___ is...

**Reflecting and Relating:**
So, the big idea is...
A conclusion that I’m drawing is...
This is relevant to my life because...
This author is trying to make me (see, feel, know, do) ...
It makes a difference that this text was written because...

**Adopting an Alignment:**
The character I most identify with is...
The idea I find most provocative is...
I reject this author’s view because...

**Evaluating:**
I like/don’t like ____ because...
This could be more effective if...
The most important message here is...
One big difference between this and ____ is...

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Reading Prompts

Select and respond to one of these four prompts.

Prompt 1: "Before I read this text, the author assumed I believed _________________. After I read this text, the author wanted me to believe _______________. The author was/was not successful in changing or confirming my view because ________________

Prompt 2: The idea I find most provocative is _______________ because ________________

Prompt 3: This article is relevant to my life because _______________

Prompt 4: I like/don't like this article because ________________