

Making Connections: Thinking Stems



Making connections deepens our understanding of a text and makes reading feel more meaningful.

Suggested Activity

Students select and circle one thinking stem from each section.

Then, students complete a quick write in their writing notebooks for each selection.

Text-to-Self Connections

1. I felt the way _____ (name of character) does in the story when . . .
2. If _____ happened to me, I would . . .
3. The lesson that _____ (name of character) learned is similar to a lesson that I have learned because . . .

Text-to-Text Connections

1. The lesson in _____ (name of first text) reminds me of _____ (name of second text) because . . .
2. The obstacle that the main character faces in _____ (name of first text) reminds me of _____ (name of second text) because . . .
3. The setting in _____ (name of first text) reminds me of the setting in _____ (name of second text) because . . .

Text-to-World Connections

1. This story is similar to _____ (an event that has taken place in the real world) because...
2. This story reminds me of the real world because . . .

Text-to-Media Connections

1. This story reminds me of the movie _____ because . . .
2. This story reminds me of the song _____ because . . .
3. This story reminds me of the app _____ because . . .