

Topics for Non-Fiction Books

- What have you experienced in your life that helps you understand this topic?
- What is your interest in this topic? Why is this topic important?
- What are some of the most important words related to this topic and what do they mean?
- Were there parts of the reading you didn't understand? What puzzled you? What questions do you still have?
- What does the book make you want to learn more about?
- Has the author/illustrator made this topic interesting? How?
- What does the title tell you about this book?

Sentence Starters to help you start writing...

- This (character, place, event, or situation) reminds me of ... because...
- The character I (like best, admire, dislike most) is ... because...
- This book makes me think about...
- When I read this book, I felt ...
- If I were this character, I would...
- I predict that... because...
- As compared to other books (by this author, on the same topic by this illustrator), I think this book is...
- If I were the author, I would have changed the part of the story when...
- I think the illustrations were...
- The author got me interested when...
- This book makes me want to...
- The book reminds me of another book I've read. Tell about the other book and the connections you have between them.
- If I could talk to one of the characters in the book, I would ask or tell him/her
- The major problem in this story is...
- The solution to the problem in this story is...

■ Topic: (Choose from list on back.)

- I have checked my work for:
- spelling/punctuation/neatness
 - indent

- I remembered to:
- Restate topic question, book & author in introduction sentences
 - write an organized & focused entry
 - Use test evidence with page numbers
 - reread for smooth transitions and a 'wrap-it-up' sentence

TEACHER: This entry meets my expectations: Yes No (Please rewrite & return.)

Teacher Comments: