

ELL Literature/Language Instruction
Notes Section

Journal Starters

Select from the following sentence starters to write an entry in your journal.

I wonder . . .

I do not understand . . .

What impressed me . . .

Now I understand . . .

An interesting idea is . . .

An interesting action a character does . . .

What I don't like . . .

I reacted when . . .

This reminds me of . . .

I predict . . .

A theme of the novel is . . .

It is irony when . . .

A poetic device in the novel is . . .

(simile, metaphor, personification, hyperbole, allusion, etc.)



Over . . .

Below are some examples of connecting statements:

This part reminds me of . . .

I felt like . . . (character) when I . . .

If that happened to me, I would . . .

This text reminds me of . . . (another text) because . . .

I can relate to . . . (part of text) because one time . . .

Something similar happened to me when . . .

Text-to-Self:

What does this remind me of in my life?

What is this similar to in my life?

How is this different from my life?

Has something like this ever happened to me?

How does this relate to my life?

What were my feelings when I read this?

Text-to-Text:

What does this remind me of in another text I've read?

How is this text similar to other things I've read?

How is this different from other books I've read?

Have I read about something like this this before?

Text-to-World:

What does this remind me of in the real world?

How is this text similar to things that happen in the real world?

How is this different from things that happen in the real world?

How did that part relate to the world around me?