Before, During & After Reading Prompts

Directions: Pair these handy reading prompts with your classroom fiction or nonfiction reading selections, and you'll have a great tool for engaging readers in your classroom—every day!



Fiction - Before Reading

• Determining the purpose for reading

Read the title and predict what the story will be about.

Why do you think you are reading this story? Write a sentence to explain the reasons.



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Fiction - During Reading

- Analyzing characters
- Questioning



Imagine that you are a reporter interviewing a character from the story.



List three questions you would ask. Write down how you think the character would answer.









Fiction - After Reading

- Identifying story elements
- Draw a sandwich like the one shown. (Leave enough room to write on each layer.)
- On the lettuce, list the main characters from the story. On the cheese, write the setting. On the meat, write an event.



If you have time, color the sandwich.

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Nonfiction - Before Reading

- Making predictions
- Identifying the main idea



Browse the text, looking at the title, chapter titles, and headings.



What do you think the main idea of this book will be? Record your thoughts.



Nonfiction - During Reading

Categorizing





the text, write the topic in the center of a piece of paper. Circle the topic. Make a chart like the one 2

shown at right.

After reading a section of







In each box, write an important piece of information 3 about the topic. Then list two or three details that go along with it.

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Nonfiction - After Reading

Checking for understanding





- - 2 On a sheet of paper, draw boxes as shown at right.



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Write a question about the text in each box.





Find a partner to play the game with you. Use two ወ objects as game pieces. Roll a die to move your pieces along the board.