

Journal Prompt: Thinking Through a Text

Good readers do more than read words. They notice their own thinking as they go.

Choose a book or story you are reading right now. Pick one comprehension strategy, predicting, inferring, making connections, summarizing, or synthesizing, and use it to write a response to a moment in the text. Then explain why that strategy helped you understand the text better ([Outcome](#), [Knowledge](#), [Skills](#)).

Where to start:

- What is happening in the part of the text you chose?
- Which strategy did you use, and what did you do with it?
- Did you find any clues in the words, pictures, or dialogue that helped you ([Knowledge](#))?
- What did you understand after using the strategy that you did not understand before?

Stretch:

Try a second strategy on the same passage. Compare what each one helped you notice, and decide which strategy worked better for this text and why ([Skills](#)).