Sample Sentence Starters  
I began to think…  
I love the way…  
I can't believe…  
I wonder why…  
I noticed…  
I think…  
I observed…  
I wonder…  
If I were…  
I'm not sure…  
I felt sad when…  
I like the way the author…  
I wish that…   
This made me think of…   
I was surprised…  
It seems like…  
I'm not sure…  
This story teaches…  
I began to think of …

I wonder what this means…  
I really don't understand this part…  
I really like/dislike this idea because…  
This character reminds me of somebody I know because…  
This character reminds me of me because…  
This character is like (name of the character) in (title of book) because…  
I think this setting is important because…  
This scene reminds me of a similar scene in (title of book) because…  
I like/dislike this writing because…  
This part is very realistic/unrealistic because…  
I think the relationship between \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_ is interesting because…  
I like/dislike (name of character) because…  
This situation reminds me of one in my own life. It happened when…  
The character I most admire is \_\_\_\_\_\_ because…  
If I were (name of character) at this point, I would …