



# **1. Identify Author's Purpose and Infer the Theme**

# **Structured questions**

Why did the author write this?

What are some themes that developed in...?

## **Starters to respond**

I believe the author wrote it to tell us...

Based on the information, I can infer that one theme might be...



## **2. Interpret and Expand Your Idea**

## **Structured questions**

Would you elaborate more on...  
Can you tell me more about...?

In \_\_\_\_\_, what do you mean by...?

What makes you think that?

# **Starters to respond**

As far as I can tell...

What \_\_\_\_\_ means is...

It is clear that...



### **3. Support with Details and Evidence From Text**

# **Structured questions**

Please give an example?

Can you show where in the text says that?

Can you be more specific?

Are there any cases of that?



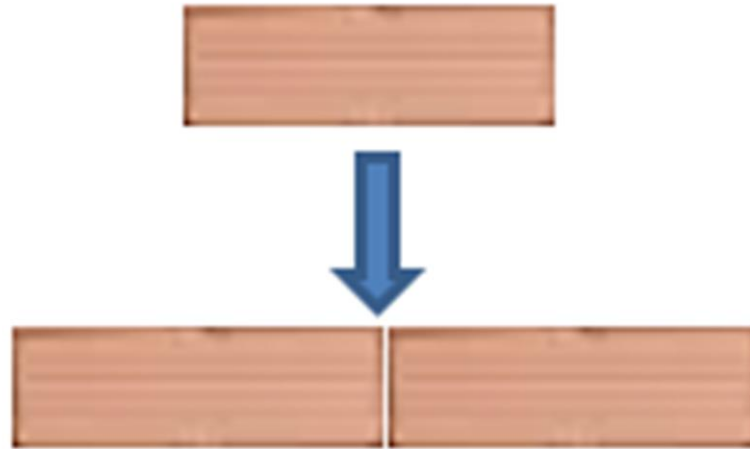
## **Starters to respond**

For instance...

In the text it said that...

The statement \_\_\_\_\_ relates to my position because...

One case showed that...



## **4. Build Understanding Upon Your or Someone Else's Ideas**

# **Questions for elaboration**

What do you personally think?

Can you add to this idea?

Do you agree?

What might be other points of view?

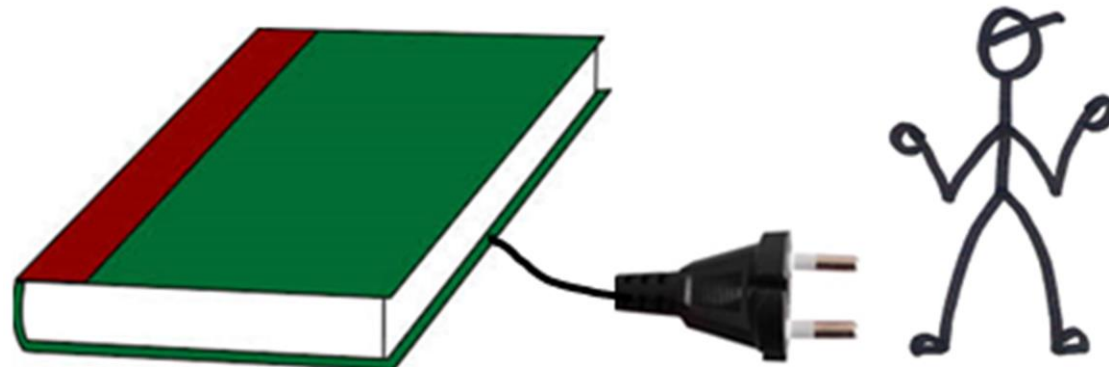
## **Starters to respond**

I would have to say...

I would add that...

Then again, I think that...

I want to expand on your point about...



## **5. Connect Information to Your Life and Previous Experiences**

## **Structured questions**

So how can we apply this idea to our lives?

What can we learn from this (selection/ chapter/ character)?

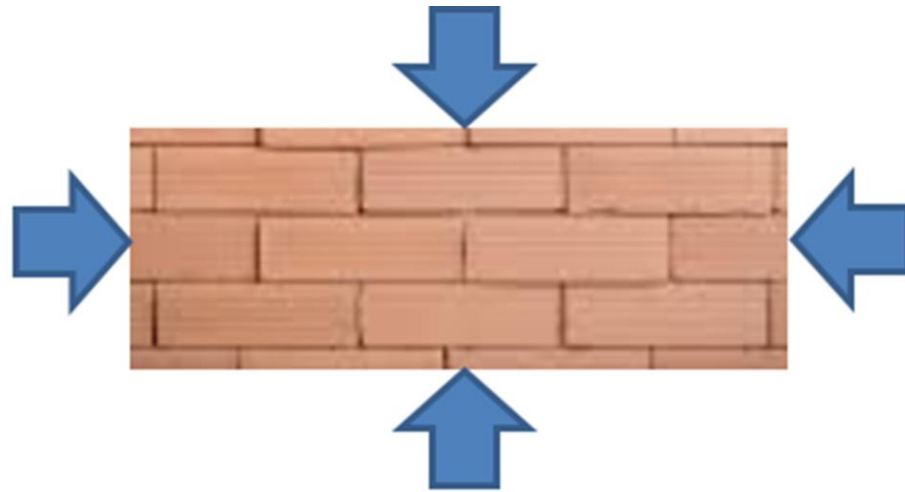
If you were...

## **Starters to respond**

An experience I have had like that is...

Today we learned...  
This show us that...

If I were... I would have...



## **6. Summarize and Explain Ideas or Concepts**



# **Structured questions**

What have we discussed so far?

How should we summarize what we talked about?

## **Starters to respond**

It can be concluded that...

The main theme/central point of the text is...