Comprehension Bookmark

Genre
What type of story are you reading?

Folklore ✸ Realistic Fiction ✸
Historical Fiction ✸ Mystery ✸ Fantasy ✸
Science Fiction ✸ Biography ✸
Autobiography ✸ Poetry ✸

Author's Purpose
Why did the author write the text?

Persuade - to change your thinking
Inform - to teach you something
Entertain - to provide enjoyment
Share - Sharing feelings or emotions

Story Elements
What are the parts of a story?

Characters - Who are the important people/
animals or things in the story?
Setting - Where and when does the story
take place?
Plot - What is the sequence of events?
Problem - What is causing trouble for the
character?
Resolution - How is the problem solved?

Theme
What is the heart (message) of the story?

Friendship ✸ Courage ✸ Loyalty
Truthfulness ✸ Hope ✸ Love
Honesty ✸ Forgiveness ✸ Kindness
Responsibility ✸ Perseverance
Respect ✸ Equality ✸ Acceptance
Teamwork ✸ Bravery ✸ Family

Main Idea
What is the story *mainly* about?
Are all the other sentences about this idea?
Does this include the topic?
What details support the main idea?

Summary
Can you give a <u>short</u> recap of what you
read?

Use your words to tell the <u>key ideas</u> that
describe the...
Beginning, **M**iddle, **E**nd

Character Analysis

It's easier to understand and interpret a story if you "know" the characters.

Ask yourself:
What are some traits the character has?
What does the character say/do?
What do others say about the character?
Does the character have a problem?
Does the character change over time?

Context Clues

What hints is the author giving to help you figure out unknown words?

Kinds of Context Clues:
Antonyms, Synonyms, Definitions, Examples

Look for:
Words- or, and, but, called, by
Word parts: root word, prefix, suffix
Read - previous/next sentence

Inferencing

When you make an INFERENCE you go beyond the author's words to understand what is NOT SAID in the text.

Text + What I Know = Inference

✸ Look for clues in pictures and words
✸ "I think...I predict...Maybe...My guess is..."

Drawing Conclusions

Making *inferences* about *two* or more pieces of information from a story and arriving at a *new understanding* of a character or event.

What can you conclude about the text?
   ✸ This happened because...
   ✸ The character feels/learned...
   ✸ This is important because...

Generalization

A statement that is true most of the time and is based on facts.

Key Words: usually, most, often, many, few

"Most government buildings are closed on holidays."

Facts: Post Office, Court House, and City offices are closed on 4th of July.