Reading Tips & Suggestions

Here are some “prompts” to think about as you read:

- If I were the main character right now...
- What is really happening here is.....
- I like/don’t like/ (any personal reaction to the story or characters).....
- This character has changed (how)... because...
- This phrase or quote is interesting or cool because....
- I wonder what this means....
- I don’t understand....
- This reminds me of someone or something...because...
- This part is very believable (or unbelievable) because...
- This character or situation reminds me of a similar situation in my life....
- This sections makes me question or think about...
- This character reminds me of another character in (book or movie) because....
- This scene/event made me think of...
- I love the way....
- I wonder why...
- I noticed...
- I wish...
- It seems like...
- It reminds me of a picture of....
- If I were...
- My best friend in the book would be....
- Why in the world...
- I agree (or disagree) with __ because __

Appeal Terms

What’s the PACE?
leisurely/relaxed
lively
fast
breakneck
engrossing

What’s the TONE?
bittersweet
heartwarming/hopeful
upbeat
humerous
magical
creepy/spooky
dark/edgy
heavy/sad
suspenseful
melodramatic

What’s the STORY LINE?
action orientated
character centered
gentle
open ended
thought provoking
tragic
violent

What’s the CHARACTERIZATION?
familiar/realistic/life-like
multiple point of views
quirky
vivid/well developed