*Say Something Stem Starters*

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**Ask a Question**

* Why did…
* What’s this part about…
* How is this (fill in the detail) like this (fill in the detail)…
* What would happen if…
* Why…
* Who is…
* What does this section (fill in the detail) mean…
* Do you think that…
* I don’t get this part here…

**Make a Comment**

* This is good (or interesting) because…
* This is hard because…
* This is confusing because…
* I like the part where…
* I don’t like this part because…
* My favorite part so far is…
* I think that…

**Make a Prediction**

* I Predict that…
* I bet that…
* I think that…
* Since this happened (fill in the detail), then I bet the next thing that is going to happen is…
* Reading this part makes me think that this (fill in the detail) is about to happen…
* I wonder if…

**Clarify Something**

* Oh, I get it…
* Now I understand…
* This makes sense now…
* No, I think it means…
* I agree with you. This means…
* At first I thought (fill in the detail), but now I think…
* This part is really saying,,,

**Make a Connection**

* This reminds me of…
* This part is like…
* This character (fill in name) is like (fill in name) because…
* This is similar to…
* The differences are…
* I also (name something in the text that has also happened to you)…
* I never (name something in the text that never happened to you)…
* This character makes me think of…
* This setting reminds me of…