# Thinking Stem Questions

## Making Connections:
* This reminds me of…
* An experience I have had like that…
* This reminds me of the book ______ because…
* How can I live differently because this book has been part of my life?

## Visualizing/Sensory Images:
* In my mind I picture ___ when I read ___
* I visualize…
* I can see…
* I can taste/ hear/ smell/ feel….

## Author's Message:
* What is this story really about?
* What does this story say about the world?
* Whose story is being told?
* What is the lesson of this book?
* What are the themes I have been identifying so far?

## Evaluating:
* I agree with _____ because…
* I don't think…

## Summarizing:
* So far, this book is mostly about…
* the main idea in this book is…
* Some important events are _____ because…
* First… Next… Then… Finally…
### Setting:
* This story takes place . . .
* Something I noticed about the setting . . .
* I would/would not like to live during this time period/ in this place because . . .
* The author used ____ to describe the setting . . .

### Asking Questions:
* I wonder . . .
* How come . . .
* Why . . .
* I'm confused about . . .
* What if . . .
* I don't understand . . .

### Inferring:
* I think . . .
* Maybe this means . . .
* I'm guessing . . .
* This allows me to assume . . .
* I predict ____ because . . .

### Synthesizing:
* I am thinking that . . .
* At first I thought ____ but now I'm thinking ____ because . . .
* I'm changing my thinking again because . . .
* I think the lesson or theme is ____ because . . .
* These events have caused me to believe . . .

### Characters:
* If I were ____ I would . . .
* The character that interests me most is ____ because . . .
* A character that really changed in the story was ____ because he/she . . .
* How can I live differently because this book has been part of my life?