

### Monitor A Reading Life:

- What are you reading? How did you choose it? How do you find (good) books?
- What's on your to-read-next list? Which authors are your favorites?
- How much did you read last year? Last marking period? Last week?
- Do you consider yourself a reader? Where do you read at home?

### Teach a Reading Strategy:

- How is the reading going for you?
- Is this an easy or a hard read for you? How do you know?
- Tell me about a time when this book has confused you and what you've done to get yourself back on track in your understanding.
- Tell me about these characters – who are they, what do you think of them?
- What questions are at the heart of this book? What questions might the author be trying to answer through the struggles of these characters?
- I see you're almost finished with the book. When you think back over the way a character has changed in this story, can you point to specific moments when something was revealed about this character? Could you make a claim about this character and support it with evidence from the text?
- How is this book different from the last book you've read?

### Increase Complexity and Challenge

- What else have you read by this author? What other books have you read that are as difficult as this one?
- Which books on your next list are challenging? Have you considered how to push yourself as a reader?
- Which genres have you read this year? Tell me about a genre you don't usually read and let's think about books that might ease the transition from what you love to what will challenge you to think differently.
- Tell me about a book you've dropped this year. Why did you drop it?
- How are the books you've been reading this year similar?

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