

Ways to begin a Free Response:

I think...

I took...

I wonder...

How come...

What if...

Why did...

I would...

That reminds me of...

I agree/disagree...

When I read...

I like/dislike...

When...

I feel...

I'm guessing...

Seems to me that...

I was...

Feeling Words for Free Response

afraid	disgusted	frustrated	sad
angry	doubted	happy	surprised
confused	embarrassed	hopeful	sympathetic
delighted	envious	impatient	wondering
discouraged	excited	mad	worried

Possible Responses

- Something you like or dislike about the text
- Questions that pop into your mind about the content, characters, or vocabulary
- Connections that you make between the text and your own life, the text and another text, or the text and events in the world*
- Something in the text that brings up an emotion. Does the text make you feel scared, angry, joyful, confused?
- Predictions about something you think might be coming next

*Keene & Zimmerman (1997)