Text Connections

Text connections help us relate to what we read, so we can understand it better. There are three types of text connections:

Text-to-Self: A connection between the text and something in your own life experience.

Text-to-Text: A connection between the text and another story or text you have read.

Text-to-World: A connection between the text and something that is happening or has happened around the world**.**

* Focusing on text-to-self connections:
  + What does this story remind you of?
  + Can you relate to the characters in the story?
  + Does anything in this story remind you of anything in your own life?
* Focusing on text-to-text connections:
  + What does this remind you of in another book you have read?
  + How is this text similar to other things you have read?
  + How is this text different from other things you have read?
* Focusing on text-to-world connections:
  + What does this remind you of in the real world?
  + How are events in this story similar to things that happen in the real world?
  + How are events in this story different from things that happen in the real world?

**How your Reading Response should look**:

The book I am reading is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(author). This text is about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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My text connection is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Example:

The book I am reading is Matilda, and the author is Roald Dahl. This story is about a girl who is very smart and has magical brain powers. She uses these powers to help her school defeat their evil principal, Mrs. Trunchbull. I am making a text-to-text connection because in another story I read called Magic Man, a boy named James uses his magic powers to defeat his evil teacher. In both books, magic powers are used to fight against evil.