**Comprehension Conversation Starters**

**Non-Fiction**

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| **Within** | * Explain what you learned about…
* How does \_\_\_ work?
* Talk about…
* What is an example of …?
* What causes \_\_\_\_\_?
* Describe the types of…
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| **Beyond** | * Why is/are \_\_\_ important?
* How does a \_\_\_\_ change?
* Why did \_\_\_ want/do \_\_\_?
* Do you think \_\_\_ is important? Why?
* How do \_\_\_ feel about each other?
* What is a question you still have?
* What is the main idea of this book?
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| **About** | * Show the sections in this book. What info. Is in each section? Is this a good way to organize the info.?
* How did the writer help you understand \_\_\_\_\_\_?
* Select a passage that helped you know \_\_\_\_.
* Did the writer give a balanced view of \_\_\_\_?
* Explain what the writer meant…
* What does the word \_\_\_ mean in this book?
* How did the writer get you interested?
* Look back and find some powerful words/phrases… Explain what they mean.
* How does the writer communicate a feeling of …? Give an example.
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| **Within** | * What was the problem in this story?

 How did \_\_\_\_\_\_ solve it? * What were the important points?
* Summarize the main events.
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| **Beyond** | * Tell some ways that \_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_ are alike/diff.
* How did \_\_\_\_ feel when…? Why?
* How did \_\_\_\_ change? Why?
* How was \_\_\_ like \_\_\_\_? (characters)
* How was \_\_\_ not like \_\_\_? (characters)
* What did \_\_\_\_ learn?
* Why do you think \_\_\_ did \_\_\_\_?
* Do you think\_\_\_\_? Support your answer.
* From reading, what kind of person do you think \_\_\_ is? Why?
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| **About** | * Is this a good title? Why or why not?
* What did \_\_\_\_ learn?
* Why do you think the writer said…?
* How did the writer help you know…? Show a place in the story that helped you know that.
* What did \_\_\_ mean when he said…?
* What was the most important part of the story?
* What was the writer’s message/ what lesson is he trying to teach?
* How did the writer start/end the story? Why do you think he did that?
* What is the significance/ connection…?
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**Fiction**