

## Writing About Reading: Some Paragraph Openers

- I was surprised when/  
angry about/  
moved by/  
amused at/  
confused when...
  - Beyond its plot, I think the *theme* of this book, what it's really about, is...
  - I notice how the author...
  - I like/don't like the way the author...
  - I don't get why the author...
  - I wonder why the author...
  - If I were the author, I would have...
  - I wish that the author...
  - I agree with/don't agree with how the author...
  - I'm satisfied/dissatisfied with how the author...
  - Compared with this author's other books...
  - This author's writing reminds me of...
  - I think the title is...
  - I think the main character's problem...
  - I think the main character's thoughts and feelings or *reflections*...
- I think the main character's reaction...
  - I think the character development...
  - I think the way the author resolved the main character's problem...
  - I think the way the main character changes shows...
  - I think the supporting characters...
  - The sensory details...
  - The descriptions...
  - The author's choice of narrative voice...
  - The action...
  - The dialogue...
  - The setting...
  - The structure of the story...
  - The climax of the plot...
  - The ending...
  - The genre...
  - This is how I read this book...
  - Next time I read a book like this, I'll...
  - I rated this one \_\_\_\_\_ because...