Questions and Response Stems for Discussion or Writing

General Comprehension Questions

- What was the story/program about?

- Was this story/program fiction or nonfiction (make believe or real)?

- What happened in the beginning? Middle? End?

- Where did the story/program take place—what is the setting?

- Describe the characters in the story/program

- Do you know any real people similar to the characters in the story/program?

- Compare/contrast the characters in this story/program with those in another. In what ways are the characters, and their lifestyle, similar or different from you and your family?

- How are the characters' experiences similar to or different from yours? Do you share the same interests or beliefs? What can you learn from people who share different lifestyles, beliefs, and interests?

- Do you agree or disagree with the characters' actions/decisions? Why or why not?

- Were the characters treated fairly? with respect? How so, or why not? Use evidence from the story/program to support your response.

- Explain the main idea of the story/program.

- What facts did you learn from the story/program?

- What was the problem in the story/program? Was it solved? How? Use evidence from the story/program to support your response.

- What was the most interesting or exciting part of the story/program? Why?

- What changes would you make to this story/program?

- Create a new ending for the story/program.

- What was your opinion of this story/program?

- Summarize what you have learned in this story/program.

- What lessons/themes did you learn about from this story/program? Use evidence from the story/program to support your response.

Response Stems for Dialogue/Discussion During and Following Stories or Programming

- This story/program reminds me of…
- An experience I have had like that is…
- Some important events from this story/program include…
- I learned so much about ____ from this story/program
- I wonder why…
- I am still confused about…
- I have more questions about…
- I predict that ____will….
- So far, this story/program is mostly about…
- The character that interests me most so far is…
- I agree with the character's decision to _____ because…
- I think the author created this story/program because…
- My favorite part of the story/program was ___ because…
- Something that interests me about this topic is…
- Some facts I learned about _____ include…
- I want to learn more about…
- If I could change something about the story, it would be…