Silent Discussion

- 2 pieces of paper per student
- 10-15 Prompts (connected to topic, book; open-ended, opinion questions work best!)
- Use BEFORE reading to spark curiosity about a book’s themes, plot, conflict, purpose.
- Use WHILE reading to ‘discuss’ plot and character developments and make predictions.
- Use AFTER reading to review and wrap up key themes and concepts.

Silent Discussion Procedure:
-I will post a prompt.
-You will respond to the prompt, providing detailed, thoughtful answers/responses.
-Include WHY you agree/disagree with the prompt with examples.
-Generally speaking, more writing = better.
-Use the entire time to write.
-Sign your name after every prompt.
-Pass your paper to a neighbor.
-Read what the person beside you wrote.
-I will post another prompt.
-You will Respond- either to what your classmate wrote OR to the NEW prompt (or a combo). If responding to the new statement, put the new prompt’s #.
-Repeat.
-You may only respond to the most recent topic/prompt being discussed.

Things to know/keep in mind:
*You will turn these in.
*They will be read & graded (based on criteria above)

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