**Scaffolding “Strategic Sentence Starters” Rational**

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**Planning and Goal Setting**

-My goal is…

-My top priority (or most important job) is

-I will accomplish my goal by…

**Tapping Prior Knowledge**

-I already know…

-This reminds me of…

-This relates to…

**Asking Questions**

-I wonder why…

-What if…?

-How come…?

**Making Predictions**

-I’ll bet that…

-I think…

-If\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, then…

**Visualizing**

-I can picture…

-In my mind, I see…

-If this were a movie…

**Making Connections**

-This reminds me of…

-I experienced this once when…

-I can relate to this because once…

**Summarizing**

-The basic gist is…

-The key information is…

-In a nutshell, this says that…

**Monitoring**

-I got lost here because…

-I need to reread the part where…

-I know I’m on the right track because…

**Clarifying**

-To understand better, I need to know about…

-Something that is still not clear is…

-I’m guessing that this means\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but I need to know…

**Reflecting and Relating**

-So, the big idea is…

-A conclusion I’m drawing is…

-This is relevant to my life because…

**Evaluating**

-I like/don’t like \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

-My opinion is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

-The most important message is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because…

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**Sequence Summary Frame**

In order to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you must follow several steps.

First, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Then, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Next, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Finally, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Chronological Summary Frame**

(Passage/book/story) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has a specific order.

At the beginning, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

After that, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Then, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Next, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ended when \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Compare-Contrast Summary Frame**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are alike and are different in several ways. First, they are alike because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but they are different \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Secondly, \_\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ while \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

Finally, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are alike because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but they are different because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Problem-Solution Summary Frame**

The problem began when \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tried to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. After that, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Then, \_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The problem was finally resolved when \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Definition/Word Meaning Summary Frame**

The word/concept \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is important to (subject) \_\_\_\_\_\_. It relates to (category or idea it belongs to) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

One main characteristic of (word/concept) is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Another key characteristic/element is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

An example of this word/concept is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Main Idea/Details Summary Frame**

The main idea of this passage is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

One fact/example that supports this main idea is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Another fact/example that supports this main point is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

In addition, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Finally, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ illustrates that (main idea) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Cause/Effect Summary Frame**

In order to understand the (effect/result) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you must identify the causes.

The first cause of (effect/result) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Secondly, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was another cause of (effect/result) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A third cause of (effect/result) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

It is clear that (effect/result) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has a number of contributing causes.

**Character Trait Analysis Summary Frame**

A significant personality characteristic of (character name) \_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the (book/passage/story) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is that he/she was (characteristic) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The first incident where/way that the character demonstrates (characteristic) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A second incident where/way that the character demonstrates this trait \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Character name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_also shows this trait when he/she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Finally, (character) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shows that he/she is (characteristic) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

It is clear that (characteristic) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ makes (character) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an (choose one interesting, fascinating, important …) charter in (book/story/passage) \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion/Generalization Summary Frame**

A person can conclude that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The first reason for/evidence that (conclusion/generalization) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A second reason for/evidence that (conclusion/generalization) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Yet another example that (conclusion/generalization) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

There is no question then that (conclusion/generalization) \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.