

## **Tips to help your student be a more proficient and engaged reader**

### **Conversation Starters:**

- Ask your child to predict what might happen next.
- Is there any evidence in the novel that supports your earlier prediction?
- What is the author trying to say in this part of the novel?
- Discuss one big idea that you can connect or relate to.

### **Story Structure Elements:**

- Were you surprised by the ending? Why or why not?
- At what point did you like the main character most? Least?
- What caused the story to end the way it did: The character's luck, hard work, skill, or a bright idea? Which is more important in real life?

### **Story Setting:**

- How is the action of the story dependent on the setting?
- In what other location could the story have taken place without affecting the plot?
- How might the utilization of modern technology have affected the action or outcome of the story?

### **Story Plot:**

- What part of the plot did you like the best? Share your reasons.
- Where in the story did you feel the most intense emotion? Why did that part bring about emotion?
- Which single event had the greatest impact on the outcome? Why?

### **Story Characters:**

- How did the character change or grow from the beginning to the end?
- Who did the character go to for support and understanding? Who could the character go to?
- When did you face a problem in your life like one faced by the character?