

Connection Maker

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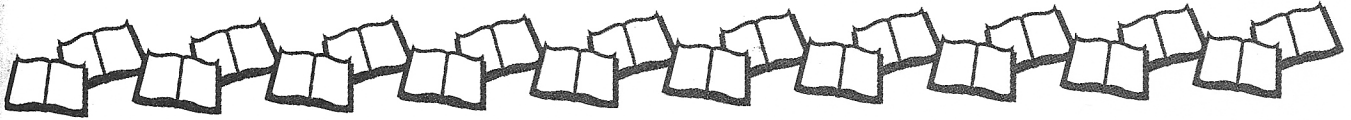
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Connecting prior knowledge and experience to reading deepens comprehension. You are to find six connections to share with your group. The four types of connections are as follows:

- **Text-to-Text (T-T)** These are connections made between the text you are reading and what you have read elsewhere.
- **Text-to-World (T-W)** These are connections made between the text you are reading and the bigger issues and events of the world.
- **Text-to-Self (T-S)** These are connections made between the text you are reading and your own experiences.
- **Text-Within-Text (T-W-T)** These are connections made between the text you are reading and another section of that same text.

Label the type of connection you are making and explain the connection. The connection codes are in parentheses above. In your connection be sure to explain both parts. This includes explaining the part of the book the connection relates to and the connection you made. When your group meets, share your connections and invite group members to each share a connection they made during the reading.

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