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During our reading of Jerry Spinelli's *Stargirl*, you will be using post-it notes to help record your thoughts on what you're reading WHILE you're reading the novel. As you are reading, with your post-it notes in front of you, you will record any curious, insightful, or reflective thoughts you have about what's going on in the book.

- ◆ You will record your thoughts according to the following five categories:
 - #1 – Raising questions while you read
 - #2 – Responding to a quote
 - #3 – Making connections to the text (Text to self, text to text, or text to world)
 - #4 – Exploring new or intriguing vocabulary
 - #5 – Making characteristic inferences

- ◆ As you are reading and find something you want to respond to, place a #1, #2, #3, #4 or #5 on the post-it with a couple key words about your ideas and stick it on the page. This will help you track your thoughts while reading.

- ◆ After the assigned pages have been completed, go back to your post-its and develop your thoughts in detail. Use the templates on the back of this sheet to help you. Remember to cite page numbers and use quotes responsibly.

- ◆ Once you have developed your post-it notes, make a copy of them.

- ◆ At the beginning of the next class, you will come with your post-it responses. Be sure to have at least one in each category. After a brief discussion to open up class, you will post your notes on sheets of butcher paper for Mrs. Gabriel's Literature Connections classes to read.

- ◆ During the study of this book, you will choose one student's post-it to respond to and turn into a reading response. Reading responses are written responses to the text that include your own personal insights, experiences, and reflections. Reading responses MUST be typed, one page, double spaced. You will complete a total of 3 reading responses during our study of *Stargirl*.