**Making Connections**

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| **Text to Self** | **Text to text** | **Text to World** |
| **Connecting personal experience to texts**   * What does this remind me of in my life? * What is this similar to in my life? * How is this different from my life? * Has something like this ever happened to me? * How does this relate to my life? * What were my feelings when I read this? * Have I changed my thinking as a result of reading this? * What have I learned? | **Connecting big ideas and themes across texts**   * What does this remind me of in another book I have read? * How is this text similar to other things I have read? * How is this different from other books I have read? * Have I read about something like this before? | **Connecting real world happenings to texts**     * What does this remind me of in the real world? * How is this text similar to things that happen in the real world? * How is this different from things that happen in the real world? * How did that part relate to the world around me? |

Why do we make connections –

* Enhances your understanding of a story.
* Keeps the reader focused and engaged.
* It helps the readers to understand how the characters feel and the motivation behind their actions.

Making connections ‘The Outsiders’

Make at least one example of each of the type of connection as you read . Be sure to indicate the page number.

**Text to Self** (page #\_\_\_\_ )Discuss what is happening in the story.

What does this remind me of in my life? How does this connection enhance my understanding of the text?

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**Text to Text** ( page # \_\_\_\_)Discuss what is happening in the story.

What does this remind me in another text I have read? How does this connection enhance my understanding of the text?

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**Text to World** ( page # \_\_\_\_ ) Discuss what is happening in the story.

What does this remind me of in the real world ? How does this connection enhance my understanding of the text?

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