Questions to Use in Book Chats

- 1. Share a passage with me that
 - shows an emotion or a mood
 - uses interesting or beautiful language you don't totally understand
 - describes an important character
 - contains the climax of the book
 - reminds you of something in your own life.

(Choose just one of these to explore with the student. Have him or her read the passage to you or summarize it if it's very long. Have the student explain/discuss).

- 2. Does this book remind you of another you've read? How?
- 3. Would you read another book by this author? Why or why not?
- 4. What part of the book was the best, in your opinion? Why?
- 5. How did the main character in your book change from beginning to end?
- 6. What new facts did you learn from the book? What new insights or opinions do you have now?
- 7. What would you change about the book? Why?
- 8. What was especially challenging about this book?
- 9. What was especially effective about this book?
- 10. What was a problem in the book, and how was that problem resolved?

Tips

- Keep conferences positive and focused on students' sharing reflectively.
- Feel free to share your own insights, experiences, and ideas!
- Encourage further reading, please.

