



How to Use a Think Mark



Instructors: Assign students to record notes on Think Marks about their reading. You can teach them to record their thoughts on characters, events, connections, setting, questions they have about the text, etc. You can use the Think Marks instead of tedious chapter questions to assess comprehension, group book discussions, and one-to-one student conferences about their reading.

Students: Use printed Think Marks like book marks. They record their notes as they read and leave the Think Mark in the book on or near the pages where the note was taken. It's a more organic way for students to express their understanding of the text. And since the students are choosing what to write about themselves, it helps them make their reading meaningful for them as individuals.

Example Think Mark Note:

Think Mark	
Book: Where is Area 51?	←
Pg. 5	
What is the evidence the government is hiding? Evidence of what?	
Maybe it's something dangerous.	
Pg.	:

The book title and page # are included.

This note includes two questions with text details, noting who the reader is referring to (the government), and their actions. (what they are hiding about Area 51)