

HOW TO PEEL A TEXT like an onion!



**PART 2: MAKING
CONNECTIONS**

This reminds
me of...



CONNECTIONS

Text to Self

TSS



How does the text relate to you personally?

- Have you encountered similar settings?
- Do characters remind you of yourself or someone you know?
- Have you experienced similar experiences or conflicts?

Text to Text



How does the text relate to other texts you've read?

- Have you read/viewed another text about the same or a similar topic?
- Do you see similar settings, conflicts, or characters?
- Does the text remind you of another you've read with a similar theme?
- Have you read another text by the same author?

Text to World

TW



How does the text relate to current issues or big ideas?

- Does the text relate to any current events?
- Does the text relate to events/issues from the past?
- Do you see connections to controversial issues or big, thematic ideas?

SO WHAT?



**WHY PEEL
& CONNECT ?**

dig more from your reading

DEEPEN

DISCUSSION

spark writing topics





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Writing a Connection

- Part 1 – Share the part of the text you're connecting to
- Part 2 – Explain the connection (what the text reminds you of)
- Part 3 – Explain what you better understand because of the connection to the text

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Examples based on *Shooting Kabul*:

- When Zafoona said, “So many innocent people are dead” after watching coverage of 9-11 on the news, I was reminded of the earthquake in Haiti in 2010.

Part 2 – Explain the connection (what the text reminds you of)

- Many people going about their everyday business were killed in 9/11 and in the earthquake. No one was expecting that such tragedies would happen so suddenly. Those who heard about the tragedies were shocked and saddened.

Part 3 – Explain what you better understand because of the connection to the text

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Whole Connection

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