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Comprehension

Strategy: Active Engagement with Text

Name: _____ Topic of Passage: _____ Date: _____

What I Know	What I'd Like to Know	What I Learned



DAR Levels 3-6

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Student: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____

Passage Title: _____ Passage Level: _____

Record the student's response to the following:

Tell me what you learned from reading this selection.

Did the student leave out any important information? **Y** or **N**

If **Y**, what information?

Attach the 3-column chart with the student's responses for additional information.

<p>During this activity, the student seemed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Actively engaged <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat engaged <input type="checkbox"/> Passively cooperative <input type="checkbox"/> Not interested <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ 	<p>Additional Comments:</p>
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