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DAR Levels 7-9/10

Strategy: Comprehension Monitoring

Student: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____

Passage Title: _____ Passage Level: _____

Record the student's response to the following:

Tell me what the selection was about. What were some of the important ideas?

Rate the student's response using the following rubric:

Good response

Shows understanding of information from the passage

Fair response

Shows limited understanding of information from the passage

Poor response

Shows lack of understanding or misunderstanding of information from the passage

Record the student's response to the following:

Did marking the text this way help you to understand and remember the important parts of the selection?

<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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