* I learned from (a character, an event etc…) that in life it is important to……
* Even if…….you should…….
* The story teaches us not only about……but about……
* When I first read this story I thought it was just about…..but now I think more deeply about it, I realize it is really about………
* Something that is true in this story that’s also true in the world is…..
* (A character) shows/teaches/demonstrates us that……