

## Figure 4.11: Student Conference Preparation Ideas

**Directions:** Mark a passage in your book to share, and be prepared to explain why you like it, what it reveals, and how it connects to the text as a whole. Here are some to choose from; they'll guide our conversation.

- Discuss a character you find intriguing. Piece together textual evidence of what the character says and does, and what other characters say about him or her.
- Share a quote from the text you think reveals a truth about life, and explain your understanding and how it relates to your life.
- Share a unique feature about the book and explain how you feel it's effective or ineffective. Is it the narrator or narrators of the book? The chapter organization or length? A particular description of a scene or character?
- What is your most favorite or least favorite part of the book? Can you share a section and explain why you think so?
- Is there a part of the book you find confusing? Can you share part of that section and explain what in particular about it is confusing?