# **Outside Connections Activity**

# **(adapted from Zaretta Hammond’s *Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain: Promoting Authentic Engagement and Rigor Among Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students*)**

After reading a text, have students free write on the following questions:

* How is this material connected to things I know?
* What are the patterns I see within the text? Among the text and other texts I have read for this class? For outside this class?
* How is this text part of something larger?
* How is the author’s point of view similar to mine? Different from mine?