

7 HABITS OF A GOOD READER

ACTIVATING SCHEMA / VISUALIZING

1. "That reminds me of..."
2. "I have a connection..."
3. "Remember when..."

ASKING QUESTIONS

1. "I wonder..."
2. "How come..."
3. "Why..."
4. "I'm confused..."
5. "I don't get it..."

OTHER QUESTIONING STRATEGIES:

- *Question webs*
- *Question of the day, a student each day is challenged to come up with a question about the topic under study. The class work together to answer it.*
- *ongoing list of questions the class is pondering (i.e. book of the month)*

CREATING IMAGES

1. "I get a picture in my mind..."
2. "I can see it..."
3. "It's like a movie in my head..."
4. "I visualized..."

OTHER STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE THIS SKILL:

- *listen to a recording and draw/write what you visualize*
- *listen to music and draw what is visualized*
- *draw a sequence of pictures to convey the mental images the reader creates from text*
- *"Sketch to stretch" fold a paper into four parts, as teacher reads aloud; kids draw the movie in the mind, different frame in each quadrant.*

INFERRING

1. "I think..."
2. "Maybe it means..."
3. "I'm guessing that..."
4. "I predict..."

OTHER STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE THIS SKILL

- *Show not tell*

DETERMINING IMPORTANCE

1. "This is really important..."

OTHER STRATEGIES:

- *two column notes*
- *opinion/proof*
- *theme/evidence*
- *important event/evidence*
- *character's motivation/evidence*
- *Topic / details*

SYNTHESIZING (CREATING NEW THINKING)

1. "I get it..."
2. "Aha..."
3. "Yes, that's it..."

OTHER STRATEGIES:

- *Venn diagram*
- *time line of thinking*
- *getting the ideas of an article down to 5 W's*
- *two column notes*
- *what the text is about/what it makes me think about*
- *direct quote/personal response*
- *opinion before reading/new ideas*
- *quote from text/new ideas*
- *information from text/new insight*
- *content/process*
- *what's interesting/what's important*

MONITORING FOR MEANING

1. "Let me review what I know..."
2. "I thought this character..."
3. "Oh, so far..."

OTHER STRATEGIES:

- *Predictions/check*

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