

1. Asking Questions

Asking questions while you read and looking for answers helps you remember the text. You can make up your own questions based on what you know about the text.

When you are just starting, there are some general questions you ask.

What is the purpose of this text?

What is the main idea?

What can I learn from this text?

What does this text have to do with my life?

What are the main events and/or main character?

Deliverable: On a sheet of paper, make a list of questions about what you are curious about. Then, answer the questions. Put the questions and answers in your reading folder.

2. Reread

Identify key passages to reread. Key passages might be where a problem is introduced, a new character is introduced, or important action takes place.

OR

Go to parts of the book that left you confused and read again.

Deliverable: Once you've re-read, summarize what you read and/or what questions you still have, and put it in your reading folder.

3. Inference: Make an inference (a guess) based on what you've already read. To make an inference, use prior knowledge (what you already know). For example:

"The air was wet and cool, and the sidewalk reflected the moon and stars" (Nice Book pg. 7).

I can infer that it rained and there were puddles on the ground because the air was wet, and the sidewalk reflected the sky and water is reflective.

"Prometheus tricked Zeus into taking the gross pile of icky meat-stuffs" (Greek Myths pg. 2)

I can infer that Prometheus is smarter than Zeus because he was able to outsmart/trick Zeus.

Deliverable: Write down 5-10 inferences on looseleaf, including the page number.

Put in your green reading folder. Use this format:

1. "Copy sentence from text" (pg. #).

I infer that _____ because _____.

2. "Copy sentence from text" (pg. #).

I infer that _____ because _____.

Etc..

4. Graphic Organizers

Make visual representations of how the story (or your thoughts about the story) are organized.

Deliverable: Fill out one of the following organizers and put it in your reading folder. Compare and Contrast, Sequence of Events/Story Map, Cause and Effect, Venn Diagram.

5. Visualize

Read a sentence, paragraph, or page. When you finish reading the section, take a moment to visualize what you read. Write down what you visualized in annotations, on a separate piece of paper, or on a post-it that you put in the book. This helps have a richer experience reading, and recall information from the text for a longer period of time.

Deliverable: On looseleaf and in complete sentences, record what you visualize. You may choose to provide a drawn illustration as well. Choose at least 3 sentences or scenes to record.

6. Learn New Words

Attack the Words - Use prefixes, latin roots, and suffixes to infer (guess) the name of the sentence.

Context Clues - Use context clues in the sentence to make an inference (educated guess) about the meaning of the word. Check your definition with a dictionary.

Deliverable: Write down the list of new words *and* the definitions you gave them/checked with the dictionary. Include and original sentence using each word (not the same as the sentence using the word in your book). File in your reading folder.

***You will need a dictionary (online or physical), and a copy of Ms. L's Latin and/or Greek root packet, which can be found in a folder on her resource shelf (under the map).