

Reading Strategies

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Make mental pictures or sensory images as you read.

Connect

Connect the text to your own experiences, to events in the world, to other readings.

Question

Actively wonder, surface uncertainties, interrogate the text, the author, or the characters.

Infer

Predict, hypothesize, interpret, and draw conclusions.

Evaluate

Determine relative importance, make judgments, develop critiques.

Analyze

Notice elements of the author's craft: text structures, language, style, theme, point of view.

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Retell, summarize, and remember information.

Self-Monitor

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