

The Traits of an Effective Reader

Conventions

- decoding words and symbols
- decoding grammar and punctuation recognizing genre and mode
- recognizing the organizational framework of the text

Comprehension

- making predictions and setting purpose
- identifying plot
- selecting main ideas
- distinguishing between major and minor characters
- distinguishing between significant and supporting details
- describing turning moments, conflicts, resolutions
- creating a purposeful summary

Reading On the Line

Context

- finding vocabulary reflective of the context
- describing setting and historical time period
- finding evidence of cultural and social issues
- extending background knowledge
- putting concepts into an everyday context that students can understand

Reading Between the Lines

Interpretation

- locating problems, ambiguities and gaps in texts
- selecting clues and evidence to analyze problems
- developing interpretations
- revising interpretations with new information
- connecting interpretations to a universal theme

Synthesis

- seeking topics, themes or issues for synthesis
- comparing and contrasting
- comparing to personal background experience
- using multiple sources to create an integrated analysis

Reading Beyond the Lines

Evaluation

- expressing opinions
- raising evaluative questions
- challenging the text and the author
- noting bias and distortion
- distinguishing between fact and opinion