

# Comprehension STRATEGIES & MINI-LESSON Subskills

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## RETELL & SUMMARIZE

AUTHOR IDEAS



- Recall details in chunks
- Identify the important information
- Retell details in order
- Summarize individual sections
- Summarize one text
- Summarize based on text structure

## DETERMINE THE MAIN IDEA



- Discern between topic & main idea
- Discern between summary & main idea
- Determine main idea of short text
- Use details to infer main idea
- Identify 2-3 main ideas/themes from the same text
- Compare 2-3 main ideas/themes across multiple texts

## VISUALIZE

AUTHOR IDEAS



- Notice nouns, adjectives, verbs, and adverbs
- Root visualizations in textual evidence
- Juggle visualizations
- Visualize abstract ideas/concepts
- Visualize imagery/figurative language
- Evaluate the impact of a visual

## QUESTION

AUTHOR CHOICES



- Think before reading
- Generate during-reading questions
- Analyze the text structure
- Revisit questions after reading
- Question author intentions
- Evaluate the message/argument

## CONNECT

WITHIN & AMONG TEXTS



- Build upon background knowledge
- Connect the text to background knowledge
- Connect the text to another text
- Juggle various connections
- Compare authors' perspectives
- Compare texts from different media

## SYNTHESIZE

WITHIN & AMONG TEXTS



- Think like others
- Think like the author
- Identify new-to-you discoveries
- Trace evolving thinking
- Present a synthesis in writing
- Synthesize across multiple texts