

Marking Text

Marking text helps readers pay attention and remember what they read.

Comprehension Technique:

- Assign codes to the types of thinking in which you engage. As you read, mark these codes next to the passages in the text that trigger these kinds of thinking and explain the connection.
 - C = connection reader makes to own life and text
 - ? = questions reader has about text
 - I = inference or conclusion reader draws from text
- Read the text.
- Use sticky notes to attach to appropriate spots.
- Use highlighters. Use yellow to highlight portion not understood. Write a fix-up strategy next to it. **Card #13**

Double-entry Diaries (DED)

DEDs are similar to taking notes.

Comprehension Technique:

- Divide page in half with questions and main ideas on the left and specific information on the right.
- Divide page in half with direct quote from text and page number on the left and thinking options on the right (reader's reactions).
- Divide page in half with facts or details on the left and author's message on the right.
- Divide page in half with confusing part in text on the left and reader's attempt to get unstuck on the right.
- Divide page in half with new/confusing vocabulary on the left and reader's knowledge on the right.

Card #14

Comprehension Constructors

This requires readers to use two or more thinking strategies. It is a worksheet that the teacher designs to guide students through difficult text using a particular comprehension strategy.

Comprehension Technique:

- Call up any background knowledge you have about topic in the text.
- Read the text.
- As you read the piece, you should have a number of questions. Jot them down (at least 3) in the margins where they occur to you.
- At the end of the piece, write a response. It should be a paragraph of at least four sentences.
- Look back at the questions you asked. Write the three best questions below and then decide where the answers to the questions can be found: in the text, in your head, in another source. **Card #15**

Reading Comprehension Strategies:

Understanding What You Read