

# 7 HABITS OF A GOOD READER

## 1. ACTIVATING SCHEMA

- “That reminds me of...”
- “I have a connection...”
- “Remember when...”

## 2. ASKING QUESTIONS

- “I wonder...”
- “How come...”
- “Why...”
- “I’m confused...”
- “I don’t get it...”

### *OTHER QUESTIONING STRATEGIES*

1. Question webs
2. Question of the day, a student each day is challenged to come up with a question about the topic under study. The class work together to answer it.
3. ongoing list of questions the class is pondering (i.e. book of the month )

## 3. CREATING IMAGES

- “I get a picture in my mind...”
- “I can see it...”
- “It’s like a movie in my head...”
- “I visualized...”

### *OTHER STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE THIS SKILL*

1. listen to a recording and draw/write what you visualize
2. listen to music and draw what is visualized
3. draw a sequence of pictures to convey the mental images the reader creates from text
4. “Sketch to stretch” fold a paper into four parts, as teacher reads aloud; kids draw the movie in the mind, a different frame in each quadrant.

## 4. INFERRING

- “I think...”
- “Maybe it means...”
- “I’m guessing that...”
- “I predict...”

### *OTHER STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE THIS SKILL*

1. Show not tell

## **5. DETERMINING IMPORTANCE**

- “This is really important...”

### ***OTHER STRATEGIES***

1. two column notes
  - opinion/proof
  - theme/evidence
  - important event/evidence
  - character’s motivation/evidence
  - Topic / details

## **6. SYNTHESIZING (NEW THINKING)**

- “I get it...”
- “Aha...”
- “Yes, that’s it...”

### ***OTHER STRATEGIES***

1. Venn diagram
2. time line of thinking
3. getting the ideas of an article down to 5 W’s
4. two column notes
  - what the text is about/what it makes me think about
  - direct quote/personal response
  - opinion before reading/new ideas
  - quote from text/new ideas
  - information from text/new insight
  - content/process
  - what’s interesting/what’s important

## **7. MONITORING FOR MEANING**

- “Let me review what I know...”
- “I thought this character...”
- “Oh, so far...”

### ***OTHER STRATEGIES***

1. Predictions/check