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Connect to Text: Strategies for Close Reading and Writing [Teacher Created Materials](#) Dive into the use of close reading in classroom instruction with this practical, standards-based resource. Featuring easy-to-use lessons that focus on informational/explanatory text samples, argumentative text samples, or narrative text samples, each lesson is tailored toward specific grade spans and includes step-by-step instructions on how to work with and improve students' close reading skills. By implementing the techniques and strategies outlined in this book, students will become more prepared for college and career readiness, become strong global thinkers, and will be able to be meet the standards and expectations of 21st century learners. **Falling in Love with Close Reading Lessons for Analyzing Texts and Life** [Heinemann](#) Provides strategies for close reading narratives, informational texts, and arguments using a three-step close-reading ritual. **Close Reading with Paired Texts Level 1 Engaging Lessons to Improve Comprehension** [Teacher Created Materials](#) Teach first grade students close reading strategies that strengthen their fluency and comprehension skills! Students will read and analyze various types of texts to get the most out of the rich content. Their reading skills will improve as they answer text-dependent questions, compare and contrast texts, and learn to use close reading strategies on their own! The lessons are designed to make close reading strategies accessible, interactive, grade appropriate, and fun. The lesson plans are easy to follow, and offer a practical model built on research-based comprehension and fluency strategies. **Leon and Bob** [Candlewick Press](#) Leon and his imaginary friend Bob do everything together until a new boy moves in next door. **A Close Look at Close Reading**

Teaching Students to Analyze Complex Texts, Grades K-5 [ASCD](#) The Common Core State Standards have put close reading in the spotlight as never before. While elementary school teachers are certainly willing to teach students to closely read both literary and informational text, many are wondering what, exactly, this involves. Is there a process to follow? How is close reading different from guided reading or other common literacy practices? How do you prepare students to have their ability to analyze complex texts measured by Common Core assessments? Is it even possible for students in grades K-5 to "read to learn" when they're only just learning to read? Literacy experts Diane Lapp, Barbara Moss, Maria Grant, and Kelly Johnson answer these questions and more as they explain how to teach young learners to be close readers and how to make close reading a habit of practice in the elementary classroom. Informed by the authors' extensive field experience and enriched by dozens of real-life scenarios and downloadable tools and templates, this book explores * Text complexity and how to determine if a particular text is right for your learning purposes and your students. * The process and purpose of close reading in the elementary grades, with an emphasis on its role in developing the 21st century thinking, speaking, and writing skills essential for academic communication and required by the Common Core. * How to plan, teach, and manage close reading sessions across the academic disciplines, including the kinds of questions to ask and the kinds of support to provide. * How to assess close reading and help all students--regardless of linguistic, cultural, or academic background--connect deeply with what they read and derive meaning from a complex text. Equipping students with the tools and process of close reading sets them on the road to becoming analytical and critical thinkers--and empowered and independent learners. In this comprehensive resource, you'll find everything you need to start their journey. Put Reading First The Research Building Blocks for Teaching Children to Read: Kindergarten Through Grade 3 [DIANE Publishing](#)

Thank You, Mr. Falker [Penguin](#) At first, Trisha loves school, but her difficulty learning to read makes her feel dumb, until, in the fifth grade, a new teacher helps her understand and overcome her problem. Notice & Note Strategies for Close Reading [Heinemann Educational Books](#) Presents lessons intended to help students read literature with deeper understanding, introducing signposts that help them identify significant moments in literature and anchor questions that encourage them to read more closely. Multimedia and Literacy Development Improving Achievement for Young Learners [Routledge](#) Representing the state of the art in multimedia applications and their promise for enhancing early literacy development, this volume broadens the field of reading research by looking beyond print-only experiences to young readers' encounters with multimedia stories on the Internet and DVD. Multimedia storybooks include, in addition to static pictures and written text, features such as oral text, animations, sounds, zooms, and scaffolds designed to help convey meaning. These features are changing how young children read text, and also provide technology-based

scaffolds for helping struggling readers. **Multimedia and Literacy Development** reports experimental research and practices with multimedia stories indicating that new dimensions of media contribute to young children's ability to understand stories and to read texts independently. This is the first synthesis of evidence-based research in this field. Four key themes are highlighted: Understanding the multimedia environment for learning Designing multimedia applications for learning New approaches to storybook reading Multimedia applications in classroom instruction. Written in jargon-free language for an international audience of students in university courses on literacy and information technology, researchers, policymakers, program developers, and media specialists, this volume is essential reading for all professionals interested in early literacy and early interventions. **40 Strategies for Guiding Readers Through Informational Texts** Guilford Publications Gaining the skills to critically read a wide variety of informational texts is more important than ever for today's K-12 students. This carefully crafted book offers 40 standards-based instructional activities that teachers can immediately put to use in the classroom. Clear rationales and step-by-step instructions are provided for implementing each strategy, together with helpful classroom examples and suggested texts for different grade levels. In a large-size format for easy photocopying, the book includes 44 reproducible worksheets. Purchasers get access to a Web page where they can download and print the reproducible materials. (Prior edition title: **35 Strategies for Guiding Readers through Informational Texts**.) **New to This Edition** *Now features more strategies, including 16 that are completely new. *Explicit links throughout to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and other current standards. *Two additional strands of activities: Reading Closely and Discussion. *Numerous new and revised reproducible tools--all downloadable. **The Purposeful Classroom How to Structure Lessons with Learning Goals in Mind** ASCD One of the best ways to make sure the spirit of accountability is reflected in your teaching practice is to make sure everything you do in the classroom relates to a specific learning outcome. Ascd best-selling authors Doug Fisher and Nancy Frey explain exactly how to do that and take you through all the steps of making sure every lesson plan has high expectations and a clear purpose for learning. Discover how purposeful learning engages your students more meaningfully and increases their understanding of subject matter. And learn how to embed purpose into every aspect of your instructional plans by: (1) Writing well-crafted purpose statements that advance a learning agenda for every student; (2) Making sure that the purpose of a lesson is connected to a theme, problem, project, or question that is meaningful and interesting to students; and (3) Involving students in understanding and "owning" the purpose of a lesson. To help you put the power of purposeful learning into practice right away, the authors equip you with lots of specific tools and strategies that work in every grade and subject, including: (1) Tasks, assignments, and activities that directly reflect the purpose of a lesson; (2)

Written, non-written, and digital ways for students to demonstrate the purpose of lessons in classroom assessments; and (3) Clear, specific indicators of your success. The following chapters are contained in this book: (1) Establishing Purpose for Yourself and Your Students; (2) Focusing on Learning Targets Not Tasks; (3) Including both Content and Language Components; (4) Ensuring that the Purpose is Relevant; (5) Inviting Students to Own the Purpose; (6) Identifying Outcomes Related to the Purpose; and (7) Knowing When a Learning Target Has Been Met. Also includes references, and an ascd Study Guide for the Purposeful Classroom: How to Structure Lessons with Learning Goals in Mind. Visible Learning for Literacy, Grades K-12 Implementing the Practices That Work Best to Accelerate Student Learning [Corwin Press](#) "Every student deserves a great teacher, not by chance, but by design" — Douglas Fisher, Nancy Frey, & John Hattie What if someone slipped you a piece of paper listing the literacy practices that ensure students demonstrate more than a year's worth of learning for a year spent in school? Would you keep the paper or throw it away? We think you'd keep it. And that's precisely why acclaimed educators Douglas Fisher, Nancy Frey, and John Hattie wrote Visible Learning for Literacy. They know teachers will want to apply Hattie's head-turning synthesis of more than 15 years of research involving millions of students, which he used to identify the instructional routines that have the biggest impact on student learning. These practices are "visible" for teachers and students to see, because their purpose has been made clear, they are implemented at the right moment in a student's learning, and their effect is tangible. Yes, the "aha" moments made visible by design. With their trademark clarity and command of the research, and dozens of classroom scenarios to make it all replicable, these authors apply Hattie's research, and show you: How to use the right approach at the right time, so that you can more intentionally design classroom experiences that hit the surface, deep, and transfer phases of learning, and more expertly see when a student is ready to dive from surface to deep. Which routines are most effective at specific phases of learning, including word sorts, concept mapping, close reading, annotating, discussion, formative assessment, feedback, collaborative learning, reciprocal teaching, and many more. Why the 8 mind frames for teachers apply so well to curriculum planning and can inspire you to be a change agent in students' lives—and part of a faculty that embraces the idea that visible teaching is a continual evaluation of one's impact on student's learning. "Teachers, it's time we embrace the evidence, update our classrooms, and impact student learning in wildly positive ways," say Doug, Nancy, and John. So let's see Visible Learning for Literacy for what it is: the book that renews our teaching and reminds us of our influence, just in time. Building Communities of Engaged Readers Reading for pleasure [Routledge](#) Reading for pleasure urgently requires a higher profile to raise attainment and increase children's engagement as self-motivated and socially interactive readers. Building Communities of Engaged Readers highlights the concept of 'Reading

Teachers' who are not only knowledgeable about texts for children, but are aware of their own reading identities and prepared to share their enthusiasm and understanding of what being a reader means. Sharing the processes of reading with young readers is an innovative approach to developing new generations of readers. Examining the interplay between the 'will and the skill' to read, the book distinctively details a reading for pleasure pedagogy and demonstrates that reader engagement is strongly influenced by relationships between children, teachers, families and communities. Importantly it provides compelling evidence that reciprocal reading communities in school encompass: a shared concept of what it means to be a reader in the 21st century; considerable teacher and child knowledge of children's literature and other texts; pedagogic practices which acknowledge and develop diverse reader identities; spontaneous 'inside-text talk' on the part of all members; a shift in the focus of control and new social spaces that encourage choice and children's rights as readers. Written by experts in the literacy field and illustrated throughout with examples from the project schools, it is essential reading for all those concerned with improving young people's enjoyment of and attainment in reading. A Close Look at Close Reading Teaching Students to Analyze Complex Texts, Grades 6-12 [ASCD](#) The Common Core State Standards have put close reading in the spotlight as never before. While middle and high school teachers want and need students to connect with, analyze, and learn from both literary and informational texts, many are unsure how to foster the skills students must have in order to develop deep and nuanced understanding of complicated content. Is there a process to follow? How is close reading different from shared reading and other common literacy practices? How do you prepare students to have their ability to analyze complex texts measured by high-stakes assessments? And how do you fit close reading instruction and experiences into an already crowded curriculum? Literacy experts Barbara Moss, Diane Lapp, Maria Grant, and Kelly Johnson answer these questions and more as they explain how to teach middle and high school students to be close readers, how to make close reading a habit of practice across the content areas, and why doing so will build content knowledge. Informed by the authors' extensive field experience and enriched by dozens of real-life scenarios and downloadable tools and templates, this book explores

- Text complexity and how to determine if a particular text is right for your learning purposes and your students.
- The process and purpose of close reading, with an emphasis on its role in developing the 21st century thinking, speaking, and writing skills essential for academic communication and college and career readiness.
- How to plan, teach, and manage close reading sessions across the academic disciplines, including the kinds of questions to ask, texts to use, and supports to provide.
- How to assess close reading and help all students—regardless of linguistic, cultural, or academic background—connect deeply with what they read and derive meaning from complex texts. Equipping students with the tools and process of close

reading sets them on the road to becoming analytical and critical thinkers—and empowered and independent learners. In this comprehensive resource, you'll find everything you need to start their journey. **How to Read a Book The Classic Guide to Intelligent Reading** [Simon and Schuster](#) Analyzes the art of reading and suggests ways to approach literary works, offering techniques for reading in specific literary genres ranging from fiction, poetry, and plays to scientific and philosophical works. **The Little Green Witch** [Charlesbridge](#) The little green witch's three friends are too lazy to help her tend the pumpkin seeds she has planted, but when they all want to eat the pumpkin pie that she makes, the witch exacts her revenge. **Super Six Comprehension Strategies 35 Lessons and More for Reading Success** [Christopher-Gordon Pub](#) Excellent resource for teachers. Includes overviews, vignettes, lesson, reproducibles, and more for each of the "Super Six"--Predicting, inferring, questioning, monitoring comprehension, summarizing & synthesizing, and evaluating. Accompanying CD-ROM (in separate folder) contains staff development and comprehension inquiries. **Using Art to Teach Reading Comprehension Strategies Lesson Plans for Teachers** [Rowman & Littlefield](#) Art can be a critical tool in helping students develop and refine reading strategies. This book provides classroom and art teachers with an overview of six different reading strategies and integrated reading and art lessons that they can implement in their own classrooms and schools. **Guided Comprehension in Grades 3-8** [International Reading Assn](#) The Guided Comprehension Model is a step-by-step teaching framework that encourages students to become active, and strategic readers by providing explicit strategy instruction, opportunities for engagement, and a variety of texts and instructional settings. This book introduces ideas for teaching Guided Comprehension. **The Science of Sleep** [Pacific Learning Inc](#) Everybody sleeps, it's just a fact of life. Yet what makes us sleep, and exactly what is our mind doing while we sleep? **The Boy Who Changed the World** [Thomas Nelson](#) Did you know that what you do today can change the world forever? **The Boy Who Changed the World** opens with a young Norman Borlaug playing in his family's cornfields with his sisters. One day, Norman would grow up and use his knowledge of agriculture to save the lives of two billion people. Two billion! Norman changed the world! Or was it Henry Wallace who changed the world? Or maybe it was George Washington Carver? This engaging story reveals the incredible truth that everything we do matters! Based on **The Butterfly Effect**, Andy's timeless tale shows children that even the smallest of our actions can affect all of humanity. The book is beautifully illustrated and shares the stories of Nobel Laureate Norman Borlaug, Vice President Henry Wallace, Inventor George Washington Carver, and Farmer Moses Carver. Through the stories of each, a different butterfly will appear. The book will end with a flourish of butterflies and a charge to the child that they, too, can be the boy or girl who changes the world. **Dive into Close Reading: Strategies for Your 3-5 Classroom** [Teacher Created Materials](#) Explore the what, why, and how of close reading to give students in grades 3-5 the tools they need to

be successful. In this must-have guide, teachers will learn the key elements of a close reading lesson as well as strategies for analyzing and selecting a text and how to support students based on their progress and performance. The included lesson template will allow teachers to not only use the provided lessons and texts but also create their own. Correlated to standards, this book includes grade-specific sample close reading lessons and digital copies of teacher and student resources. **Story Stretchers Activities to Expand Children's Favorite Books** [Gryphon House, Inc.](#) 90 children's books are s-t-r-e-t-c-h-e-d five different ways with lively learning activities. **Oh, The Places You'll Go!** [HarperCollins UK](#) The timeless classic from the iconic Dr. Seuss - now available in ebook, with read-along narration performed by Miranda Richardson. Enjoy this classic favourite anytime, anywhere! **Connecting with Students Online Strategies for Remote Teaching & Learning** [Heinemann Educational Books](#) The professional development for online teaching and learning that you've been asking for. An unprecedented pandemic may take the teacher out of the classroom, but it doesn't take the classroom out of the teacher! Now that you're making the shift to online teaching, it's time to answer your biggest questions about remote, digitally based instruction: How do I build and nurture relationships with students and their at-home adults from afar? How do I adapt my best teaching to an online setting? How do I keep a focus on students and their needs when they aren't in front of me? Jennifer Serravallo's **Connecting with Students Online** gives you concise, doable answers based on her own experiences and those of the teachers, administrators, and coaches she has communicated with during the pandemic. Focusing on the vital importance of the teacher-student connection, Jen guides you to: effectively prioritize what matters most during remote, online instruction schedule your day and your students' to maximize teaching and learning (and avoid burnout) streamline curricular units and roll them out digitally record highly engaging short lessons that students will enjoy and learn from confer, working with small groups, and drive learning through independent practice partner with the adults in a student's home to support your work with their child. Featuring simplified, commonsense suggestions, 55 step-by-step teaching strategies, and video examples of Jen conferring and working with small groups, **Connecting with Students Online** helps new teachers, teachers new to technology, or anyone who wants to better understand the essence of effective online instruction. Along the way Jen addresses crucial topics including assessment and progress monitoring, student engagement and accountability, using anchor charts and visuals, getting books into students' hands, teaching subject-area content, and avoiding teacher burnout. During this pandemic crisis turn to one of education's most trusted teaching voices to help you restart or maintain students' progress. Jennifer Serravallo's **Connecting with Students Online** is of-the-moment, grounded in important research, informed by experience, and designed to get you teaching well-and confidently-as quickly as possible. Jen will be

donating a portion of the proceeds from **Connecting with Students Online to organizations that help children directly impacted by COVID-19.** Just the **Facts Close Reading and Comprehension of Informational Text** [Teacher Created Materials](#) **Use informational text in the classroom effectively to support close reading and comprehension.** This dynamic resource provides a clear explanation of how to use informational text in the classroom and includes practical tips, suggestions, lesson ideas, and digital resources. **Aligned to College and Career Readiness and other state standards, this is the perfect tool to enhance students' comprehension of informational text.** **Handbook of Research on Innovative Pedagogies and Best Practices in Teacher Education** [IGI Global](#) **Educators and those who prepare teachers are facing increased scrutiny on their practice that include pressures to demonstrate their effectiveness, meet the needs of changing demographics and students, and adapt to ever-changing learning environments. Thus, there is a need for innovative pedagogies and adoption of best practices to effectively serve the needs of digital learners.** **The Handbook of Research on Innovative Pedagogies and Best Practices in Teacher Education is an essential research book that takes an in-depth look at the methods by which educators are prepared to address shifting demographics and technologies in the classroom and provides strategies for focusing their curricula on diverse learning types. It takes a look at the use of innovative pedagogies and effective learning spaces in teacher education programs and the decisions behind them to enhance more inquiry learning, STEM initiatives, and prove more kinds of exploratory learning for students. Covering topics such as higher education, virtual reality, and inclusive education, this book is ideally designed for teachers, administrators, academicians, instructors, and researchers.** **Amigos Del Otro Lado** [Children's Book Press](#) **Did you come from Mexico? An Mexican-American defends Joaquin, a boyy frp, Mexico who came across the border. The Border Patrol is looking for him and his mother who are hiding. His newly found friend Prietita took him to the Herb Lady to help him with red welts.** **Grad School Essentials A Crash Course in Scholarly Skills** [Univ of California Press](#) **What's the hardest part of grad school? It's not simply that the workload is heavy and the demands are high. It's that too many students lack efficient methods to let them do their best. Professor Zachary Shore aims to change this. With humorous, lively prose, Professor Shore teaches you to master the five most crucial skills you need to succeed: how to read, write, speak, act, and research at a higher level. Each chapter in this no-nonsense guide outlines a unique approach to acquiring a skill and then demonstrates how to enhance it. Through these concrete, practical methods, Grad School Essentials will save you time, elevate the quality of your work, and help you to earn the degree you seek.** **Reading with Meaning Teaching Comprehension in the Primary Grades** [Stenhouse Publishers](#) **In the second edition of Reading with Meaning, Debbie Miller shares her new thinking about comprehension strategy instruction, the gradual release of responsibility instructional model, and planning for**

student engagement and independence. It has been ten years since the first edition, in which Debbie chronicled a year in her own classroom. *Reading with Meaning, Second Edition* supports that work and expands her vision of strategy instruction and intentional teaching and learning. Debbie believes that every child deserves at least a full year of growth during each classroom year and offers planning documents with matching assessments to ensure that no child falls through the cracks. The second edition also provides new book recommendations that will engage and delight students, and current picture books for reading aloud and strategy instruction. This new edition reflects Debbie's professional experiences and judgment, her work in classrooms and collaboration with colleagues, and the current research in the field, showcasing her newest, best thinking.

Distance Learning Volume 17 #2 [IAP Distance Learning](#) is for leaders, practitioners, and decision makers in the fields of distance learning, e-learning, telecommunications, and related areas. It is a professional journal with applicable information for those involved with providing instruction to all kinds of learners, of all ages, using telecommunications technologies of all types. Stories are written by practitioners for practitioners with the intent of providing usable information and ideas. Articles are accepted from authors--new and experienced--with interesting and important information about the effective practice of distance teaching and learning. *Distance Learning* is published quarterly. Each issue includes eight to ten articles and three to four columns, including the highly regarded "And Finally..." column covering recent important issues in the field and written by *Distance Learning* editor, Michael Simonson. Articles are written by practitioners from various countries and locations, nationally and internationally.

Reading Nonfiction Notice & Note Stances, Signposts, and Strategies [Heinemann Educational Books](#) Visit www.heinemann.com/ReadingNonfiction for special previews, videos, and more. "When students recognize that nonfiction ought to challenge us, ought to slow us down and make us think, then they're more likely to become close readers." That means we need to help them question texts, authors, and, ultimately, their own thinking. No matter the content area, with *Reading Nonfiction's* classroom-tested suggestions, you'll lead kids toward skillful and responsible disciplinary literacy. Picking up where their smash hit *Notice & Note* left off, Kyleene Beers and Bob Probst write: "Fiction invites us into the writer's imagined world; nonfiction intrudes into ours and purports to tell us something about it." This crucial difference increases the responsibility of the nonfiction reader, so Kyleene and Bob have developed interlocking scaffolds that every student can use to go beyond a superficial reading: 3 essential questions that set students up for closer, more attentive readings of nonfiction texts 5 *Notice & Note* nonfiction signposts that cue kids to apply the skills and processes that sophisticated readers use instinctively 7 proven strategies readers can use to clear up confusions when the text gets tough. We all know the value of helping students define nonfiction and understand its text structures.

Reading Nonfiction goes the next crucial step—helping kids challenge the claims of nonfiction authors, be challenged by them, and skillfully and rigorously make up their mind about purported truths. Dive into **Close Reading: Strategies for Your K-2 Classroom** [Teacher Created Materials](#) Explore the what, why, and how of close reading to give students in grades K-2 the tools they need to be successful. In this must-have guide, teachers will learn the key elements of a close reading lesson as well as strategies for analyzing and selecting a text and how to support students based on their progress and performance. The included lesson template will allow teachers to not only use the provided lessons and texts but also create their own. Correlated to standards, this book includes grade-specific sample close reading lessons and digital copies of teacher and student resources.

Handbook of Research on Pedagogical Models for Next-Generation Teaching and Learning [IGI Global](#) Every generation of students comes to the classroom with different needs than that of their predecessors. Implementing new methods and styles of teaching to meet these diverse needs will provide students with the best chance of success in their educational careers. The **Handbook of Research on Pedagogical Models for Next-Generation Teaching and Learning** is a critical scholarly source that examines the most effective and efficient techniques for implementing new educational strategies in a classroom setting. Featuring pertinent topics including mixed reality simulations, interactive lectures, reflexive teaching models, and project-based learning, this is an ideal publication for educators, academicians, students, and researchers that are interested in discovering more about the recent advances in educational fields.

40 Ways to Support Struggling Readers in Content Classrooms, Grades 6-12 [Corwin Press](#) Provides 40 research-based methods with suggestions for easy implementation to help struggling readers, and features three tables of contents (traditional, topical, and problem-solving) formatted for quick reference.

Strategies That Work, 3rd Edition Teaching Comprehension for Engagement, Understanding, and Building Knowledge, Grades K-8 [Stenhouse Publishers](#) In this new edition of their groundbreaking book **Strategies That Work**, Stephanie Harvey and Anne Goudvis share the work and thinking they've done since the second edition came out a decade ago and offer new perspectives on how to explicitly teach thinking strategies so that students become engaged, thoughtful, independent readers. Thirty new lessons and new and revised chapters shine a light on children's thinking, curiosity, and questions. Steph and Anne tackle close reading, close listening, text complexity, and critical thinking in a new chapter on building knowledge through thinking-intensive reading and learning. Other fully revised chapters focus on digital reading, strategies for integrating comprehension and technology, and comprehension across the curriculum. The new edition is organized around three sections: Part I provides readers with a solid introduction to reading comprehension instruction, including the principles that guide practice, suggestions for text selection, and a review of recent research that underlies

comprehension instruction. Part II contains lessons to put these principles into practice for all areas of reading comprehension. Part III shows you how to integrate comprehension instruction across the curriculum and the school day, particularly in science and social studies. Updated bibliographies, including the popular "Great Books for Teaching Content," are accessible online. Since the first publication of *Strategies That Work*, more than a million teachers have benefited from Steph and Anne's practical advice on creating classrooms that are incubators for deep thought. This third edition is a must-have resource for a generation of new teachers--and a welcome refresher for those with dog-eared copies of this timeless guide to teaching comprehension.

Literacy Assessment and Instructional Strategies [SAGE](#) Literacy Assessment and Instructional Strategies by Kathy B. Grant, Sandra E. Golden, and Nance S. Wilson prepares literacy educators to conduct reading and writing assessments and develop appropriate corrective literacy strategies for use with their grade K-5 students. **Connecting Common Core Literacy Learning Standards to effective strategies and creative activities**, the book includes authentic literacy assessments and formal evaluations to support reading teaching in the elementary classroom. Initial chapters discuss literacy assessment and evaluation, data-driven instruction, high-stakes testing, and instructional shifts in teaching reading. Subsequent chapters focus on the latest instructional and assessment shifts, including pre-assessing literacy knowledge bases, using informational texts for vocabulary development, and close reading of text. Written by reading practitioners and researchers, this book is a must-have for novices as well as for veteran classroom teachers who want to stay on top of changing literacy trends.

Comprehension Connections Bridges to Strategic Reading [Heinemann Educational Books](#) Inferring, questioning, determining importance. It's not easy to explain these abstract reading strategies to elementary readers, yet knowing how they work and how to use them is an important first step to connecting with texts. Fortunately Tanny McGregor has developed visual, tangible, everyday lessons that make abstract thinking concrete and that can help every child in your classroom make more effective use of reading comprehension strategies. *Comprehension Connections* is a guide to developing children's ability to fully understand texts by making the comprehension process achievable, accessible, and incremental. McGregor's approach sequences stages of learning for each strategy that take students from a fun object lesson to a nuanced and lasting understanding. Her lessons build bridges between the concrete and the abstract by incorporating writing, discussion, song, art, and movement into a web of creative connections that reinforce each strategy on a variety of levels. All the while *Comprehension Connections* offers an inside look at the dynamic of McGregor's teaching, showing you how her ideas look in action, and including the language she uses and that she encourages her students to use as they build their facility with: schema inferring questioning determining importance visualizing synthesizing. Many

students struggle to understand what it is they are supposed to do as they learn to read strategically. Help them make connections to the ideas behind reading and watch as your readers go deeper into texts than ever before. Book study groups and professional learning communities, [click here to save 15% when you order 15 copies of Comprehension Connections. Save \\$43.88!](#) [Navigating the Common Core with English Language Learners Practical Strategies to Develop Higher-Order Thinking Skills](#) [John Wiley & Sons](#) [Praise for Navigating the Common Core with English Language Learners](#) "Larry Ferlazzo, Katie Hull Sypnieski, and fellow practitioners have done a remarkable job of providing a clear and engaging roadmap to unpacking the Common Core for English learners. This book will equip educators with the practices, the research, and the courage needed to make sure our ELL students succeed in an increasingly demanding global world." —Giselle Lundy-Ponce, Associate Director, Educational Issues, American Federation of Teachers "This book makes the Common Core accessible for language-learning students at every level. Ferlazzo and Hull Sypnieski are practitioners who 'walk the walk' daily and this makes their writing especially practical and authentic. The integration of Social-Emotional Learning will make this title a must-read for thoughtful educators looking to meet the wide range of needs that today's students bring to the classroom." —Dana Dusbiber, High School English Teacher, Sacramento, California Written by experienced teachers of English Language Learners, this essential resource gives educators a much-needed and practical guide for implementing the Common Core State Standards in ELL classrooms. Larry Ferlazzo and Katie Hull Sypnieski provide a digest of the latest research and developments in ELL education, along with comprehensive guidance in reading and writing, social studies, math, science, social/emotional learning and more. The book's expert guidance helps instructors instill the higher-order thinking skills demanded by the Common Core, and its ready-to-use lesson plans and reproducible handouts help educators bring key ideas and concepts to life in the classroom. [Strategies that Work Teaching Comprehension for Understanding and Engagement](#) [Stenhouse Publishers](#) Describes strategies teachers can use to promote reading comprehension in students from kindergarten through eighth grade; and includes examples of student work, illustrations, and other reference tools.