

Reading for Literary Experience

Before you read:

- * Set a purpose for reading.
- * Preview the material to generate questions you would like answered.
- * Think about the title, pictures, and ideas to help you to predict what the selection is about.

As you read:

- * Stop and retell the main events to see if you understand what has happened.
 - * See if you can answer any of the questions you asked before you started to read.
 - * Continue to predict the outcome of the reading as you move through the material.
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- * Reread some parts or read ahead to see if you can figure out what is happening if things aren't making sense.
 - * Think about how the author uses special words or phrases to communicate.
 - * Use context clues or a dictionary to help you determine the meaning of unknown words.
 - * Think about how your own experience compares to the characters' experiences.

After you read:

- * See if you met your purposes for reading.
- * Think about what questions you still have about the story.
- * Consider whether the plot is realistic.