



NEW YORK STATE MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM

Title: Reading Comprehension of Informational Text: Text Features

Description: This strategy helps students learn the various text features to locate information in text. After a demonstration, participants have time to practice finding text features and then explaining how the various features help them locate information in the text. This module includes specific strategies for teaching English Learners how to find and use text features.

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Series: The Reading Comprehension series includes nine modules with targeted strategies to teach students how to manage their reading. The modules can be used in any order.

Facilitator Guide

INDIVIDUAL ACCESS/SELF-SERVE (*for Individuals viewing this module independently*): While a robust conversation between colleagues is an enriching way to learn, so is self-reflection. Read and use this Guide as the Facilitator of your own learning. To get the most out of the activities and questions, make sure you have the recommended handouts and supplies listed below, before beginning.

CTLE CREDIT

Group Workshop: If you are facilitating this workshop for your METS, you will have to decide which process you will use for granting CTLE credit. You can use your local LEA process, or the M-TASC process:

- a. Contact M-TASC in advance of the workshop to confirm date and module.
- b. Use the M-TASC Participant Sign-In Sheet, and submit.
- c. Submit Workshop Evaluations via link or hard copy. If you use the Evaluation link, M-TASC will forward the compiled evaluations once you have informed the office that all evaluations are complete.

Individual Access/Self-Serve: For those who would like to request Continuing Teacher Leader Education (CTLE) credit for On-Demand professional development, please complete the CTLE Credit Request for each module. Find the link for this process on the NYS-MEP website:

<https://www.nysmigrant.org/resources/pd>

OBJECTIVES/LEARNING TARGET(S)

- Review informational text types.
- Understand the importance of using the text features in text.
- Explore instructional strategies.
- Reinforce strategies to support English Learners.

WORKSHOP/MODULE DESIGN

This workshop is designed for teachers and can be completed as a stand-alone or with any of the other Comprehension modules.

CONNECTION TO THE NYS MEP

THEORY OF ACTION

Subject Content and Instruction

- This activity is instructional and supports student's comprehension.

SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS

- Video: *Reading Comprehension: Informational Text-Text Features*

- Use the video link on the NYS migrant website in the Professional Development section for this workshop, "*Reading Comprehension of Informational Text: Text Features.*"
- Participant Handouts
 1. Power Point Notes
 2. Strategy Instructions
 3. Text Features Scavenger Hunt
 4. Text Feature Find
- Reading A-Z Readers (or substitute with other non-fiction/expository/informational text)
 - Grade 1: Elephants: Giant Mammals
 - Grade 2: Coral Reefs
 - Grade 3 – Soccer
 - Grade 5 – The Plague!
 - Grade 5 – What is Water Worth?
- Workshop Sign-in
- Workshop Evaluation

Facilitator Note: Some graphic organizer handouts are student resources that are used with permission from the Florida Center for Research: home page <http://www.fcrr.org>

GETTING STARTED

(Video: 6 minutes. Stopping for the Practice Activities: 10-15 minutes more.)

- Disseminate handouts and supplies.
- Start the Video Presentation: Video: *Reading Comprehension of Informational Text: Text Features*

Key Points for Independent Learning

- Features help students locate information.
 - Maps are used when explaining location in text.
- Students must be aware of the purpose of each text feature.
- Students need to know the various presentations of the features (e.g., tables of contents might not look alike but the purpose is the same).
- Overall, helps students understand how to find information in text.

Facilitator Note: The presenter, Kathleen, will demonstrate one strategy. After the demonstration, there will be time for participants to practice the strategy demonstrated. You will hear a bell tone when Kathleen starts giving directions for a practice activity. The graphic on the video will say, “STOP HERE AND PRACTICE.” A brief musical riff will play when the directions are complete and it is time to stop the video for participants to practice the activity.

PRACTICE ACTIVITY: Locating and Explaining Purpose of Text Features

Key Point

- Often students can easily locate the features, but they have difficulty using these features to support learning from the text.

Handouts: Strategy Instructions for Locating and Explaining Purpose of Text Features
Text Features Scavenger Hunt
Text Feature Find

Reading A-Z Readers (or substitute with other non-fiction/expository/informational text)

Grade 1: Elephants: Giant Mammals

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Grade 3: Soccer

Grade 5: The Plague!

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Practice, process and return to the video.

Facilitator Note: For groups, process the activity as a large group before returning to the video. Possible questions for processing: How did it go? What student could you use this with?

Closure for Group Workshops

- Facilitators are welcome to use the Workshop Evaluation provided on the website or you can use your own version.
- *Continuing Teacher Leader Education (CTLE)* – Follow the CTLE process at your METS program center for staff who are tracking credit.

Closure for Individual Access/Self-Serve

- Complete the Workshop Evaluation and give it to your Director.
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