







Comprehension Module Summary	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The numbered items are individual modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Video ✓ PowerPoint with Activity Guide ✓ Worksheets ✓ Articles as appropriate 	
Literature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structure of Text <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Story mapping 2. Theme 3. Characterization 	Informational – Non-fiction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structure of Text <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Non-fiction text structure Text meaning <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Non-fiction – main idea Non-Fiction Science and Social Studies – Text Features <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. How to find information – table of contents, headings, glossary, index 7. How to use information – maps, timelines, flow chart, tables, pictures, close ups
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Universal Comprehension Approaches <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Building Background Knowledge 9. Vocabulary Development 	

Objectives

- Learn the importance of building background knowledge
- Select the most important background information
- Explore instructional strategies
- Strategies to support English Learners

Why Background Knowledge?

- Provides a focal point
- Eases processing
- Facilitates learning

Select Background Knowledge

- Link *new* ideas to *known* ideas!
 - **Big ideas** in stories (sharing, being kind, sacrifice)
 - **Characters** in stories (attend to how the character solves a problem)
 - **Concepts** (explain rebellion in social studies by connecting it a known topic/pictures/videos)
 - **Funds of Knowledge** (what do students know already?)
 - (See Handout)

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Strategies: Activate and Build

- *Activity handouts and instructions available in RESOURCE LIBRARY*
 - Activating Knowledge
 - 1. K-W-L-S
 - 2. *Contrast Charts (modeled in video)*
 - 3. Preview-Predict-Confirm
 - 4. Discussion – Relevance Questions
 - Building Knowledge
 - 5. *Picture Prediction (modeled in video)*
 - 6. Realia
 - 7. Virtual Field Trips

Contrast Charts

STORY: Leaving Home (see activity guide)

Video of practice

Stop Here and Practice

Select a story from A-Z Readers

Determine disadvantages and advantages of one important idea

Complete the Contrast Chart (Strategy 2)

Picture Prediction

STORY: The Plague!

Video of practice





Stop Here and Practice

Select a story from A-Z Readers

Google pictures that highlight key ideas from the text

Share the pictures with someone

Supporting English Learners

- *Activity handouts and instructions available in RESOURCE LIBRARY*
 - Preview-Predict-Confirm (preview pictures in books)
 - Realia (share artifacts with labels)
 - Virtual Field Trips (provide nouns of key ideas)
