

Six Active Reading Strategies

Visualize

Predict

Clarify

Connect

Question

Evaluate



How will I remember what the strategies are? Remember the following sentence:

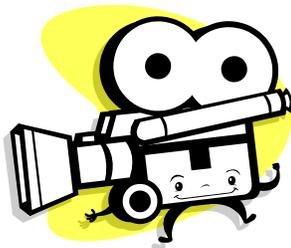
Valerie called Queen
Priscilla cute and
energetic.



What do the active reading strategies mean?

The following explains how to use each of the active reading strategies:

Visualize: Describe the images you see as the author describes them. Use the details from the text to create the “movie in your mind.”



Clarify: STOP AND PAY ATTENTION. Summarize/explain what you have read. This is a great place to stop and check whether you understand the text. Read on (and sometimes even reread) and your understanding may change and develop. When you find the answers to any questions you have had, note them in the text.



Question: Ask questions about the text. What are you confused by? What is motivating the character(s)? Why are certain things happening?



Predict: Try to figure out what will happen next and how the selection might end. Then read on to see how accurate your guesses are.



Connect: Connect personally with what you are reading. Think of similarities between the descriptions in the selection and what you have personally experienced, seen, and heard or read about. Also, connect to anything you may have already read or seen in media (movies, news broadcasts, newspapers, magazines, Internet).



Evaluate: Form opinions about what you've read, both while you're reading and after you've finished. Develop your own ideas about characters and events. Make a logical guess or come to a conclusion based from the story or text.



ACTIVE READING STRATEGIES

Story Title _____

Author _____

Visualize:

- describe the images
- create the movie in your mind

Clarify:

- STOP AND PAY ATTENTION
- summarize/explain
- read on
- note answers to question

Question:

- ask questions

Predict:

- figure out what will happen next

Connect:

- connect personally
- connect to media

Evaluate:

- form opinions
- make a logical guess
- come to a conclusion

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Check yourself:

What strategies did you find most helpful when reading this piece of literature and why?

Which strategies do you need to use more often and why?