Reading Comprehension Strategies
Monitor Comprehension

Think About the Text

- Write, draw, and talk about your thinking
- Know the difference between what happened in the text and what the text makes you think about
- Use text features to learn and understand new information
Activate and Connect

Link New Learning to Old

• Activate your background knowledge
• Make Connections
  • Text-to-self
  • Text-to-text
• Stop, think, and react to new information
Ask Questions

Be Curious

- Wonder about new information
- Write or draw your questions
- Search for answers to your questions
- Ask questions when you are confused
- Change thinking based on new information
- Some questions are answered, some are not
Infer & Visualize

Gather Clues From Text

• Combine background knowledge and text clues to make inferences
• Make mental images as you read
• Make and confirm predictions
• Infer the meaning of unfamiliar words and ideas
Determine Importance

Decide What is Important to Remember

- Put a star by the most important information
- Put the information into your own words
- Take notes – facts, questions, responses
- Organize your notes
Summarize & Synthesize

Tell it in Your Own Words

• Tell what is important – but not too much
• Gather information to figure out the Big Idea
• Share your learning – posters, poems, books...
• Listen and respond to others’ learning – questions and comments