

Making Connections

District Map Skills

- Create a mental picture of the story or poem.
- Use background knowledge and text clues to make meaning.
- Infer the meaning of unfamiliar words and concepts in the text to better understand what I'm reading.
- Make and change predictions by inferring and visualizing information from the text.
- Use text clues to infer answers to unanswered questions.

Making Connections Definition:

Good readers connect something from a book to their own life, the world, or another text.

What Good Readers Are Thinking When Making Connections...

- Does this remind me of something?
- Has this ever happened to me?
- Do I know someone like him or her?
- How am I like/dislike this character?
- Have I ever felt this way?
- What do I already know that helps me understand what I am reading?
- Does this information confirm or conflict what I have read in other sources or already know?

TIP: Have your students record their connections on a chart as they read.

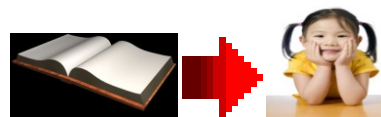
Making text to self connections



The text said ...

This reminds me of ...

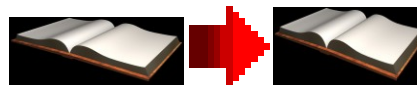
Good Readers Make Connections That Are:



TEXT

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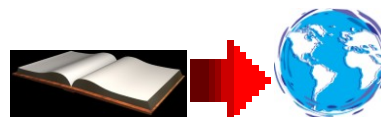
SELF



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