

# WHAT DO GOOD READERS DO?

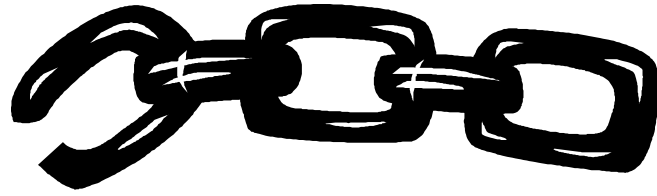


# 7 KEYS TO COMPREHENSION



# VISUALIZE

Run a “movie” in your head.  
Try to make what you read as real  
as possible. Imagine sensory  
details (sights, sounds, smells, etc.).



# MAKE CONNECTIONS

CONNECT what you read to

\*your own life. (**Text to Self**)

\*another book/movie. (**Text to Text**)

\*something in life. (**Text to World**)



**Who?**

**What if?**

**What?**

**Why?**

**ASK**

**QUESTIONS**

**When?**

**Where?**

**How?**



**MAKE**

**INFERENCES**

Go beyond the words on the page.

Put clues together to figure out things  
that aren't even written down.

Draw conclusions, make predictions.



# **DETERMINE WHAT IS IMPORTANT**

Have a purpose for reading.

Use publishers' clues for  
determining importance:

titles, headings, bold print, italics, high-  
lighting, pictures, captions, graphs, ...

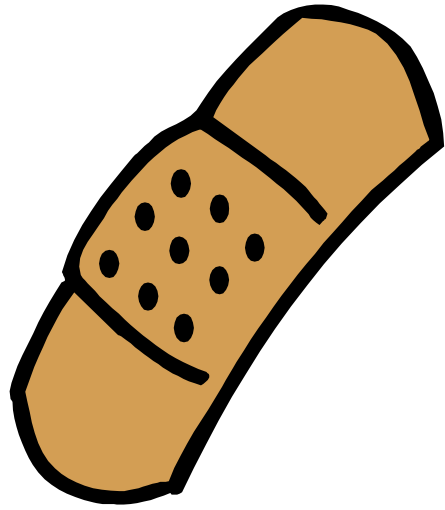


# SYNTHESIZE

Think about what you read.

What does it mean to you?

How does it fit with what you know?



# USE "FIX UP" STRATEGIES

- Re-read.
- Read ahead.
- Ask questions.
- Draw inferences.
- Make predictions.
- Figure out new words
- Ask for help.
- Connect with background knowledge.
- Get a mental image.
- Inspect pictures & other text features.
- Read captions.
- Recheck the purpose for reading.
- Take a break, then try again.