



Essential Focus Lessons for Retelling

The following are essential focus lessons for retelling. Select those lessons that are most appropriate for your grade level.

- Good readers know the difference between fiction and nonfiction.
- Good readers tell the difference between important information and unimportant information in nonfiction text.
- Good readers use important information to identify themes or key ideas in text.
- Good readers use their knowledge about narrative text features to make predictions about text structure and content.
- Good readers identify the features of nonfiction text.
- Good readers use the features of nonfiction text to make predictions about text structure and content.
- Good readers use text features to help tell the difference between important and unimportant information.
- Good readers skim and scan for important information.
- Good readers use important information in the text to answer questions and gain a better understanding of the text.
- Good readers use important information to share their understanding about a text with others.
- Good readers tell the difference between key topics and supporting details in a text.