



Essential Focus Lessons for Synthesizing

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

- Good readers monitor meaning and “think aloud” about important information and themes as they read.
- Good readers take notes to get the “gist” of their reading.
- Good readers retell what they have read.
- Good readers share their reading with others through book recommendations, book talks, and other conversations.
- Good readers push themselves to understand the inferential meaning of a text, in addition to the literal meaning.
- Good readers put all of their strategies together to better understand a text.
- Good readers compare and contrast to better understand their reading.
- Good readers write about their reading in order to synthesize their thinking.
- Good readers read like a writer noticing the craft of a piece as well as the content and reading process.
- Good readers notice the thinking they do to access content and gain knowledge from texts.
- Good readers synthesize information when they attempt to answer difficult questions.
- Good readers recognize how their thinking has changed while reading a text.