

SYNTHESIZING

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*Editable

ACTIVE READERS
***** Synthesize *****

Name: _____

Have you ever taken the time to look at a completed jigsaw puzzle. Often the completed puzzle is a beautiful image with lots of rich details. Imagine looking at just one of the puzzle pieces with out the cover on the box or the rest of the pieces. It would be really hard to determine what the puzzle would look like when it was completed. Synthesizing is like completing a jigsaw puzzle without looking at the cover.

A simple definition is that while you read and gather new information your understanding, and thinking changes. Like with the puzzle the more pieces you gather and are able to join together the more you will likely change what you think the bigger picture is. Have you ever had a prediction, and your prediction was wrong. This doesn't mean it was a bad prediction it just means you have an opportunity to synthesize. You can take what actually happened and change your thinking.

Synthesizing is a constant process while you read. In order to synthesize you must be an active reader, constantly thinking about, reflecting on, connecting, visualizing... etc what you read. You are never done synthesizing. There is always new information that you can connect to something you already knew, or schema, which means there are new ideas, perspectives, and opinions to discuss.

Of all the reading strategies that active readers do synthesizing is the most complex of the reading strategies. The reason being is that in order to effectively synthesize you have to be using all of the other reading strategies active readers do.

What is the first piece that you think will lead, or by the way you are



ACTIVE READERS
***** Bring it all together *****

Name: _____

Prediction	
Question	
Connection	
Visualize	
Inference	

Summary: _____

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Before	During	After

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Active readers synthesize, or change their thinking when they are presented with new information. Remember the process of synthesizing is ongoing, you are never really done synthesizing. You may stop thinking about a book or what you have read for a time, but you really have only put the process on pause. Predictions, illustrations, inferences, connections, experiences, schema, discussions with a friend... etc all have the ability to influence your thinking and lead you to change your thinking about what you may have thought before. When you synthesize you may use the following sentence starters.

When I started reading I thought..... Now I think.....
I think the text is about.... Now I think.....
Now I think.....
I wonder if..... actually means.....
I changed my mind when I read..... Because.....
After talking to my friend about..... I now think.....
At first I thought the character..... Now I think.....
Now my opinion is.....
My thinking changed when I.....
After thinking about it again I actually think.....

"Synthesizing is like making a cake— all the different parts mixed together to become something new!"



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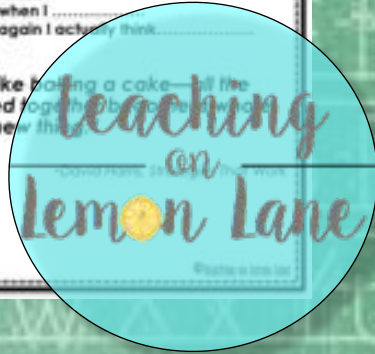
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Synthesizing is: In My Own Words:

For Example:

Perfect for:

- >> Guided Reading
- >> Interactive N.B.
- >> Centers
- >> Lit. Circles



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Of all the reading strategies that synthesizing is the most complex. One reason being is that in order to synthesize you have to be doing all of the other reading strategies first. When you synthesize you are taking what you know before you read, and take time to think about it after you are done reading.

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In My Own Words:

Synthesizing is:

For Example:

teaching
on
lemon Lane



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-David Harris, *Strategies*



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Inference	

Sentence Summary: _____

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