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## Comprehension Strategies Posters

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Close Reading with Paired Texts Level 3:  
Engaging Lessons to Improve Comprehension  
Paired Passages, Grade 4  
TDQs: Strategies for Building Text-Dependent  
Questions

Close Reading with Paired Texts Level 1  
Literacy Strong All Year Long

Close Reading with Mathematics Paired Texts  
Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Teaching  
and Learning (Second Edition)

A History of Literacy Education  
Paired Passages, Grade 5  
Joyful Noise

Just the Facts: Close Reading and Comprehension  
of Informational Text

Creating Strategic Readers: Techniques for  
Supporting Rigorous Literacy Instruction  
Comprehension That Works

Reciprocal Teaching at Work, 3rd Edition  
Interactive Think-aloud Lessons  
Reciprocal Teaching at Work  
Becoming a Critical Thinker

Close Reading with Paired Texts Level 2  
Reading First Comprehension Strategy Posters

with Leveled Texts  
Super Six Comprehension Strategies  
Close Reading with Paired Texts Level 4:  
Engaging Lessons to Improve Comprehension  
The Mentee's Guide  
Standards-Based Comprehension Strategies &  
Skills Guided Practice Book, Level 1  
The Fabulous Four  
Close Reading with Paired Texts Level K  
60 Strategies for Improving Reading  
Comprehension in Grades K-8  
Teaching Comprehension Strategies All Readers  
Need  
Assessment in Special and Remedial Education  
Guided Writing  
This Is Disciplinary Literacy  
Close Reading with Paired Texts Level 4  
Close Reading with Language Arts Paired Texts  
Four Powerful Strategies for Struggling Readers,  
Grades 3-8  
Close Reading with Language Arts Paired Texts  
The Megabook of Fluency  
You Are There! Ancient Egypt 1336 BC  
History of Video Games Guided Reading 6-Pack  
Best Ever Literacy Survival Tips  
Behind the Canvas: An Artist's Life  
Increasing Fluency with High Frequency Word  
Phrases Grade 1

with Paired  
Texts Level 3:  
Engaging  
Lessons to  
Improve  
Comprehension  
Corwin Press  
Literacy  
Strong All Year  
Long: Powerful  
Lessons for  
Grades 3-5  
equips  
intermediate  
educators with  
engaging  
lessons that  
motivate  
students and  
help them  
develop the  
solid  
foundation of  
literacy skills  
that are  
essential to  
learning.  
Thoughtfully  
designed  
lessons linked  
to specific  
literacy

standards  
create a  
seamless flow  
of learning  
throughout  
the seasons of  
the school  
year. Each  
chapter offers  
10 lessons  
that  
strengthen  
comprehension,  
fluency,  
word work,  
and  
vocabulary.  
The book  
encompasses  
these themes:  
1. Starting the  
school year  
literacy  
strong.  
Lessons  
demonstrate  
routines,  
expectations,  
assessments,  
and  
opportunities  
for students to

collaborate in  
a rich literacy  
community. 2.  
Beating the  
midyear blahs.  
Lessons offer  
ways to  
maintain  
momentum,  
monitor  
expectations,  
and chart  
individual  
progress.  
They include  
strategies to  
strengthen  
relationships  
among  
students,  
teachers, and  
parents. 3.  
Ending the  
year with  
intention.  
Lessons  
outline  
strategies for  
helping  
students  
achieve  
literacy goals

and provide ideas for boosting endurance and growth. 4. Stopping the summer slide. Lessons reinforce literacy strategies, invite students to read over the summer, and remind students of continued goal setting. The 40 interactive lessons are presented in an accessible and comprehensive format that includes sections on preparation, active engagement, and reflection.

The lesson design intentionally guides teachers to gradually release responsibility to students as they grow into self-regulated, literacy-strong learners"€"able and eager to use their skills to expand their learning horizons. This book is a co-publication of ASCD and ILA. *Paired Passages, Grade 4* John Wiley & Sons Explore what life was like in ancient Egypt under the reign of Tutankhamun! Students will

be whisked away to the past with this informational text that breathes life into history and examines the hieroglyphics, religion, politics, style, and lives of ancient Egyptians. Developed by Timothy Rasinski and Lori Oczkus, and featuring TIME content, this book includes essential text features like an index, captions, glossary, and table of contents. The detailed sidebars,

fascinating images, and Dig Deeper section prompt students to connect back to the text and encourage multiple readings. Check It Out! includes suggested resources for further reading. Aligned with state standards, this title features complex content appropriate for students preparing for college and career readiness. *TDQs: Strategies for*

*Building Text-Dependent Questions*  
Teacher Created Materials  
Use these level K paired texts to test your students' understanding of the key ideas, details, and text structures!  
Students will also be assessed on their ability to evaluate and draw reasonable conclusions about the text.  
*Close Reading with Paired Texts Level 1*  
Teacher Created Materials  
PRAISE FOR

THE MENTEE'S GUIDE "The Mentee's Guide inspires and guides the potential mentee, provides new insights for the adventure in learning that lies ahead, and underscores my personal belief and experience that mentoring is circular. The mentor gains as much as the mentee in this evocative relationship. Lois Zachary's new book is a great gift."  
—Frances Hesselbein, chairman and founding

<p>president, Leader to Leader Institute "Whether you are the mentee or mentor, born or made for the role, you will gain much more from the relationship by practicing the fun and easy A-to-Z principles of The Mentee's Guide by the master of excellence, Lois Zachary." —Ken Shelton, editor, Leadership Excellence "With this deeply practical book filled with stories and useful</p>	<p>exercises, Lois Zachary completes her groundbreakin g trilogy on mentoring. Must-reading for those in search of a richer understanding of this deeply human relationship as well as anyone seeking a mentor, whether for new skills, job advancement, or deeper wisdom." —Laurent A. Parks Daloz, senior fellow, the Whidbey Institute, and author, Mentor: Guiding the Journey of</p>	<p>Adult Learners <i>Literacy</i> <i>Strong All Year</i> <i>Long Carson-</i> <i>Dellosa</i> Publishing Prepare third grade students for college and career readiness with this content- packed resource. Authored by Lori Oczkus and Timothy Rasinski, this resource includes 12 units across the four content areas of language arts, science, social studies, and mathematics. Each unit incorporates close reading,</p>
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paired fiction and nonfiction text passages, text-dependent questions, comparing and contrasting text, and hands-on activities to unify each week's worth of lessons. Differentiation and reciprocal teaching strategies and assessment options are also included within each unit to tailor to multiple intelligences and monitor students' progress.

**Close Reading with Mathematics**

**Paired Texts**

Teacher Created Materials  
All the latest research on fluency plus dozens of practical lessons and ready-to-use fluency-priming tools, including partner poems, word ladders, and more!  
*Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Teaching and Learning (Second Edition)*  
Teacher Created Materials  
Teach second grade students close reading

strategies that strengthen their fluency and comprehension skills! Students will read and analyze various types of texts to get the most out of the rich content. Their reading skills will improve as they answer text-dependent questions, compare and contrast texts, and learn to use close reading strategies on their own! The lessons are designed to make close reading strategies

accessible, interactive, grade appropriate, and fun. The lesson plans are easy to follow, and offer a practical model built on research-based comprehension and fluency strategies.

### **A History of Literacy Education**

Scholastic Inc. A User-Friendly Manual Becoming a Critical Thinker: A User Friendly Manual trains students to become critical thinkers and

thoughtful decision makers. It helps students to distinguish high-quality, well-supported arguments from those with little or no evidence to support them. It also develops the skills students will need to effectively evaluate the many claims facing them as citizens, learners, consumers, and human beings, and also to be effective advocates for their beliefs. Teaching and Learning Experience

Improve Critical Thinking - Coverage of persuasive speaking, decision-making, the Toulmin model of argumentation , and chapter-end writing and speaking exercises teach students to construct and present arguments so that they can gain skill and confidence. Engage Students - Becoming a Critical Thinker: A User Friendly Manual exposes students to a



<p>variety of contemporary and multicultural issues, engaging their understanding of analytical skills through the use of articles and varied examples. Support Instructors - Teaching your course just got easier! You can create a Customized Text or use our Instructor's Manual, Electronic "MyTest" Test Bank or PowerPoint Presentation Slides. PLUS, our new Instructor's</p>	<p>Manual has been updated and expanded with revised tests and answer keys, a discussion of chapter exercises, and suggestions for teaching critical thinking concepts. <i>Paired Passages, Grade 5 Teacher Created Materials Paired Passages</i> for grade 4 offers pairs of nonfiction and fiction passages for students to compare and contrast. Aligned to state</p>	<p>standards, students will read high-interest passages about topics such as human and animal migration, exotic animals, White House pets, fireflies, and more. -- Help your students meet rigorous college- and career-ready expectations by improving reading comprehension skills. Paired Passages helps students meet and exceed reading standards by teaching them</p>
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to compare and contrast fiction with nonfiction, fiction with fiction, and nonfiction with nonfiction. When students finish reading a pair of passages, they will rely on the text to complete the accompanying questions and activities. -- The Paired Passages series for grades 1 to 6 improves reading comprehension skills by providing passages for students to compare, contrast, and synthesize.

Filled with content that appeals to today's learners, the passages represent a variety of genres such as literature (narrative, poetry, realistic fiction, and more), social studies, and science. Each topic features a pair of passages and is followed by two pages of text-dependent questions and activities. By using this research-based instructional approach, you are preparing

students for a successful academic journey this year and for years to come. *Joyful Noise* Corwin Press From the Newbery Medal-winning author of *Seedfolks*, Paul Fleischman, *Joyful Noise* is a collection of irresistible poems that celebrates the insect world. Funny, sad, loud, and quiet, each of these poems resounds with a booming, boisterous, joyful noise. The poems resound with

the pulse of the cicada and the drone of the honeybee. They can be fully appreciated by an individual reader, but they're particularly striking when read aloud by two voices, making this an ideal pick for classroom use. Eric Beddows's vibrant drawings send each insect soaring, spinning, or creeping off the page in its own unique way. With *Joyful Noise*, Paul Fleischman

created not only a fascinating guide to the insect world but an exultant celebration of life. Just the Facts: Close Reading and Comprehension of Informational Text Teacher Created Materials Teach fourth grade students close reading strategies that strengthen their fluency and comprehension skills! Students will read and analyze various types

of texts to get the most out of the rich content. Their reading skills will improve as they answer text-dependent questions, compare and contrast texts, and learn to use close reading strategies on their own! The lessons are designed to make close reading strategies accessible, interactive, grade appropriate, and fun. The lesson plans are easy to follow, and offer a practical

model built on research-based comprehension and fluency strategies.

**Creating Strategic Readers: Techniques for Supporting Rigorous Literacy Instruction**

Teacher Created Materials Prepare fourth grade students for college and career readiness with this content-packed resource.

Authored by Lori Oczkus and Timothy Rasinski, this resource

includes 12 units across the four content areas of language arts, science, social studies, and mathematics.

Each unit incorporates close reading, paired fiction and nonfiction text passages, text-dependent questions, comparing and contrasting text, and hands-on activities to unify each week's worth of lessons.

Differentiation and reciprocal teaching strategies and assessment

options are also included within each unit to tailor to multiple intelligences and monitor students' progress.

*Comprehension That Works*  
Teacher Created Materials  
Do you know when the first video game was made? Which games were the biggest hits? Which game company secretly created its own competitor? These facts, and many more, are part of the fascinating

history of video games! Featuring TIME content, this high-interest nonfiction reader builds critical literacy skills and academic vocabulary and is purposefully leveled to engage different types of learners. Developed by Timothy Rasinski and Lori Oczkus, the text includes a table of contents, captions, glossary, index, and images to deepen understanding

. The detailed sidebars feature fun facts that develop higher-order thinking. The Try It! culminating activity provides additional language-development activities. Aligned with McREL and WIDA/TESOL standards, this text features complex content appropriate for middle school students. This 6-Pack includes six copies of this Level U title and a lesson plan that

specifically supports Guided Reading instruction. **Reciprocal Teaching at Work, 3rd Edition** Shell Education "Lori Oczkus's unique guide for busy teachers offers 12 practical chapters on the hottest literacy topics including independent reading, grouping strategies, formative assessments, nonfiction, fluency, comprehension, and more! Research-based

guidelines, classroom examples, and a "Top 5 " favorite lessons list for every chapter make this an essential reference to help you motivate students and improve literacy. Designed for professional development, Best Ever Literacy Survival Tips includes a study guide and discussion topics that are ideal to discuss at staff meetings or as part of a book club or professional learning

community."--  
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**Interactive Think-aloud Lessons** Shell Education  
Use these level 5 paired texts to test your students' understanding of the key ideas, details, and text structures! Students will also be assessed on their ability to evaluate and draw reasonable conclusions about the text.  
*Reciprocal Teaching at Work*  
Scholastic Professional  
"Mini-lessons that introduce,

extend and deepen key reading skills and promote a lifelong love of literature."--  
Cover  
**Becoming a Critical Thinker**  
Teacher Created Materials  
This professional development resource, co-authored by Dr. Timothy Rasinski and Dr. Danny Brassell, empowers teachers to facilitate innovative and engaging instruction with their students. Unique classroom-

tested strategies integrate current research *Close Reading with Paired Texts Level 2* Teachers College Press Teach first grade students close reading strategies that strengthen their fluency and comprehension skills! Students will read and analyze various types of texts to get the most out of the rich content. Their reading skills will improve as they answer text-

dependent questions, compare and contrast texts, and learn to use close reading strategies on their own! The lessons are designed to make close reading strategies accessible, interactive, grade appropriate, and fun. The lesson plans are easy to follow, and offer a practical model built on research-based comprehension and fluency strategies. *Reading First Comprehensio*

*n Strategy Posters with Leveled Texts* Shell Education In this book you will find a wealth of exciting classroom-tested lessons that will aid you in teaching the comprehension strategies. Super Six Comprehensio n Strategies Shell Education Lay the critical foundation for reading fluency with this engaging resource! Increasing Fluency with High Frequency Word

Phrases offers 20 creative lessons that analyze high frequency practice to gain word recognition, expression, and fluency with comprehension questions to evaluate mastery. A

fluency rubric and reference list of oral reading strategies are included to support learning success. Based on Dr. Timothy's expert fluency research and Dr. Edward Fry's Instant Words,

this resource is aligned with college and career readiness standards and provides an important reading foundation. An Audio CD with oral readings of phrases and reading selections is included.