

Habit Number 7:

SYNTHESISES

Summarising & Critical Thinking

- 📖 Summarises what they read (pulls the text apart and then puts it back together in their own words)
- 📖 Creates a new perspective based on their reading
- 📖 Makes sense of their reading by connecting their experiences to new information

Strategies...

- Read the text. **Summarise** your understandings in two or three sentences.
- Think of a person you know who would enjoy this text. Give reasons for your answer.
- Think of a person you know who would not enjoy this text. Give reasons for your answer.
- Read the text. **Reflect** on the following. Explain your answers.
 1. Why do you think the author composed the text?
 2. Describe your feelings after reading the text.
 3. Do you think the author intended for the audience to feel a particular way after reading the text?
 4. What did the author do to shape the way you felt?
 5. Was there any bias in this text?
 6. If you were the publisher of this text, how could you make it appealing to an audience?

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"I get it..." "Aha..." "Yes, that's it..." "Let me review what I know..."
"I thought this character..." "Oh, so far..."

Other strategies to enhance this skill:

- ✓ *Venn diagram*
- ✓ *Time line of thinking*
- ✓ *Getting ideas of an article down to the 5 w's (Who?, what?, where?, when?, why?)*
- ✓ *Two column notes*
- ✓ *What the text is about/what it makes me think about*
- ✓ *Direct quote/personal response*
- ✓ *Opinion before reading/new ideas*
- ✓ *Quote from text / new ideas*
- ✓ *Information from text/new insight*
- ✓ *Content/process*
- ✓ *What's interesting/what's important*
- ✓ *Check predictions made before and during reading.*
- ✓ *Retelling in your own words what the story is about.*