Scaffolds for Literal, Interpretive, and Evaluative Comprehension Strategies

Strategy	Literal scaffolds	Interpretive scaffolds	Evaluative scaffolds
Retell	• STP • Beginning-Middle-End (B-M-E) • Five-Finger retell • S-W-B-S • Who? What? • Green questions • VIP (external)	• VIP (internal) • Red questions	• VIP (internal and external)
Visualize	• Be the illustrator	• Picture explains implicit ideas	• Picture explains opinion or conclusion
Predict	• Write predictions	• Predict & Support	• Predict-Support-Adjust
Connect	• Make connections	• Interpret connections	• Evaluate connections
Ask Questions	• Fact-Question • Green questions	• Yellow questions • Red questions	• Evaluative questions
Determine Importance	• VIP (external) • Who and What?	• VIP (internal) • Be the illustrator • Create titles	• VIP (internal and external) • Important/Interesting • Identify theme
Main Idea & Details	• Flag main idea • Turn heading into a main-idea question	• Infer the main idea • VIP (internal)	• Evaluate and defend inferred main ideas • VIP (internal and external)
Summarize	• Use key words • S-W-B-S	• Synthesize • Draw conclusions	• Evaluate summaries
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Cause/Effect	• Identify explicit cause/effect relationships	• Identify implied cause/effect relationships	• Evaluate cause/effect relationships

Character Analysis		• Action-Trait • Character Trait Web • Sociogram	• Action-Motivation
Infer		• Make inferences from text clues	• Evaluate inferences
Visual Literacy	• Just the facts • Green questions	• Inferred facts • Red questions • Yellow questions	• Evaluative questions
Poetry Analysis	• Visualize • Summarize • Identify literary elements	• Question the poet • Interpret literary elements	• Author's purpose
Evaluate		• Fact/Opinion • Thesis-Proof	• Backtalks
Key: STP: Stop-Think-Paraphrase; VIP: Very Important Part (internal: feelings and thoughts of characters; external: important action); S-W-B-S: Somebody-Wanted-But-So; red, yellow, green questions: see question cards on CD.			