SUMMARIZING SLEUTHS

Small group and whole group materials to practice summarizing fictional text

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The following materials were created for classroom use to practice summarizing fictional text with a detective theme. I have included photos for each activity. Materials can be used in both small group or whole group settings with any age appropriate leveled text.
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SUMMARIZING POSTERS

- Setting: When or where the problem occurred.
- Problem: What went wrong in the plot.
- Plot: What happened in the story.
- Solution: How the problem was solved.
CHARACTERS

people, animals or creatures in the story

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SETTING
when or where the story takes place
PROBLEM
what went wrong in the story
PLOT
what happened in the story
SOLUTION
how the problem was solved
SUMMARIZING TABLE TENTS

Setting: Small or Whole Group
Directions:
1. Teach the five aspects of summarizing (characters, setting, problem, plot and solution)
2. Assign each student (or group of students) an aspect of summarizing to look for while reading.
3. Place the summarizing table tent in front of the student assigned.
4. After reading have the student assigned to each aspect give a report to record on the story map.
SUMMARIZING TABLE TENTS

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Setting: Small or Whole Group

Directions:
1. Print, laminate and cut out each magnifying glass.
2. Using hot glue, attach each magnifying glass to a popsicle stick.
3. Place magnifying glasses in a cup or bucket.
4. After reading have students in the group choose a magnifying glass and answer a question about the text.
What was the solution?
What was the title of the story?

Who were the characters in the story?

What was the setting? Was there more than one?
What was the problem in the story?

What was the solution?

What was the plot of the story?

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What happened because of the problem?

What happened because of the solution?

What was the author's purpose?
DIRECTIONS: Read a fictional book on your child's reading level. After reading, have your student answer one or more of the questions below.

**CHARACTERS**
- Who were the characters in the story?

**SETTING**
- When and where did the story take place?

**PROBLEM**
- What went wrong in the story?

**PLOT**
- What happened in the story? (be sure to use at least three details or events in your answer)

**SOLUTION**
- How was the problem solved?

CHALLENGE: Ask your student to summarize the text. Can they give you all five aspects of summarizing without prompting?
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