

Instructional Scaffolds - Memory

- Processing, or reading through, the content several times, each time with a different focus (e.g. making personal connections with the text, asking questions, analyzing the structure, reading for understanding, reviewing).
- Creating visual graphic organizers or timelines to help organize the information.
- Creating illustrations for parts of the information and explaining the thinking behind the illustrations.
- Comparing & contrasting different ideas, events, concepts, etc.
- Maintaining a journal and reviewing the journal on a regular basis.
- Using flash card type tools to review facts and events.

Resources

- Compare & Contrast Map from readwritethink - <http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/comcontrast/map.html> . a free online tool for doing compare and contrast activities.
 - Active Reading Strategies - <http://www.inlets.net/ars.html> . a variety of strategies that students can use when marking up text to help thoughtfully analyze the content. There is a video of an example strategy on the website. Other example strategies can be found on this handout on Visually Mapping Information from the Exploring New Territories booklet. Repeated processing and reviews of marked up text increases retention.
 - Reading & Study Digital Tools - http://www.tlc-mtss.com/assets/digital_tools.pdf . digital PDF book with instructions on how to use comment features, mark-up features, text-to-speech, and more in a variety of programs such as Adobe Reader, WORD, Read:Outloud, etc.
 - Inspiration & Kidspiration - <http://www.inspiration.com/> . graphic organizer software that can move between diagram and outline views. iOS versions are available. A unique feature of Inspiration & Kidspiration is the extensive graphic library. The act of self-selecting graphics to illustrate main ideas increases retention. Explaining why different graphics were chosen as illustrations further increases retention.
 - Popplet - <http://popplet.com/> . online and iPad tool for organizing thoughts through mind maps, word walls, etc.
 - MindMup - <http://www.mindmup.com/> . a free, quick and easy online mind mapping tool
 - Penzu - <https://penzu.com/> . an online, cloud based writing journal. Students can write and review their journals across computers and mobile devices.
 - Flashcard Machine - <http://www.flashcardmachine.com/> . a free online tool, available in pay versions for mobile devices.
- Free Printable Flash Card Maker - <http://www.kitzkikz.com/flashcards/> . a free simple online tool for making and printing flash cards.