



Strategies for Reading Narrative Texts

Narrative Texts

Narrative texts have characters and tell a story. Novels and short stories are good examples of narrative texts, but narratives are also used in comics, newspaper articles, plays, movies, television and other forms.

Many strategies can be used for reading both narrative and non-narrative texts. These include:

- making connections
- making predictions
- asking questions
- understanding and building vocabulary
- monitoring as you read
- reflecting on your reading.

There are some other strategies that you can learn just for reading narrative texts.

- ✓ Try to figure out the plot structure (how the events are ordered), and keep this in mind when you read.
- ✓ Use a graphic organizer that shows the plot structure to help you keep track of the events.
- ✓ Create a character sketch to help you get to know the characters better.
- ✓ Get personally involved in the events by imagining what it would be like to be in the story.
- ✓ If the text is nonfiction (a true story), take a mental step back and read critically. Is what the author is saying really true?