

Paired Guided Reading & Practice with Summarizing

GOALS :

- Work in pairs to construct meaning from the text
- Interact with the text in many ways
- Verbalize and share with another reader
- Check and re-check your understanding of the text

Part ONE

Directions:

1. At the same time, you will individually read a selection of reading that will be assigned by your teacher.
2. After each selection, close or turn over your reading material.
3. On a Post-It note, record/write down what you remember from the reading selection. Only one idea per Post-It.
4. Once your partner is finished, compare and discuss your Post-it notes.
5. Group your notes that are similar.
6. Ask yourselves: “Did we leave out any important information?” “Was there anything we didn’t understand?” “Did we mix up anything?”
7. As a pair, re-read the selection. At this point, you may check, add to, or change your Post-It notes.

Part TWO:

Repeat the steps from part one using the handout titled “Summarizing Interviews with Famous People”. With your partner, choose two interviews that you want to work on using Paired Guided Reading. Make sure to read only one interview at a time so that you can get accurate information written down on the Post-it notes.

Part THREE:

With your partner, choose two other interviews from the handout and follow the steps below:

1. Reread the interview until you fully understand it.
2. Set the original aside, and talk about it with your partner.
3. Write your summary on a note card.
4. Check the original interview to make sure that your version accurately expresses the main ideas.
5. Use quotation marks to identify any unique term that you may have borrowed from the famous person.
6. Always record the source and give a title to your note card.

Remember, students often use too many direct quotations when they take notes, resulting in too many of them in the final research paper. Only about 10% of the final copy should consist of directly quoted material. Limit your amount of source material copied while taking notes.