Words, Words: Selected Strategies for Going Broader & Deeper Karin K. Hess

| Strategy/Activity | Used for/to | My Notes |
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| Linear Array (Allen, Words, Words, Words, 1999) | Language Comprehension Articulating Shades of Meaning Task: fill in continuum of words freezingboiling Supports writing descriptively, builds language knowledge, selecting precise meanings | CCSS standards |
| Connect-Correct- Collect (Carreker, 2011) | Strategic Thinking & World Knowledge: Elicits prior knowledge, checks understanding while reading, integrates new information | CCSS standards |
| Exclusion Brainstorming (Blachowicz, 1986) | Strategic Thinking & World Knowledge: Activate and extend prior knowledge Task: Cross out words you do not think will be found in this selection and circle those you're likely to find Topic: Factory Reform Terms: hate, reparations, disaster, fairness, humanitarian, survivor, rules, locked doors, unharmed, insurance, investigation, fire Texts: background reading (the Triangle Shirtwaist tragedy); research on factory reform | CCSS standards |
| Card Pyramid (Carreker, 2011) | Strategic Thinking Organizing information: main idea, subtopic, supporting information & facts Oral summarizing & Précis writing Task: use 9-12 index cards | CCSS standards |
| Concept Circles (Vacca & Vacca, Content Area Reading, 1986) | Strategic Thinking & World Knowledge: Analyze connections; integrate information Task: describe relationships among terms & topic Topic: Civil Rights Movement Each section has a related concept or phrase: Racism, stereotyping, church bombing, violence | CCSS standards |

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| What Do I Know About | Strategic Thinking & World Knowledge: | CCSS standards |
| These Words? | Activate and extend prior knowledge | |
| (adapted by Hess from | | |
| Allen, Words, Words, | | |
| Words, 1999) | | |
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| Concept Attainment | Strategic Thinking, World Knowledge, & | CCSS standards |
| (Allen, Words, Words, | Making Inferences | |
| Words, 1999) | Task: clarify & build conceptual | |
| | understanding by (1) listing common | |
| | characteristics, (2) defining, (3) listing | |
| | examples (contexts where it applies) and | |
| | (4) non-examples(contexts where it | |
| | would not apply), (5) related key words/terms, (6) sources for finding | |
| | more information | |
| One pager* | Making Inferences | CCSS standards |
| (Hess, 2004 VT Literacy | Task: select a <u>quote</u> from text that has | cess standards |
| Institute) | implicit (rather than explicit) information | |
| *Should not be longer | and illustrate and explain your | |
| than one page | interpretation with supporting evidence | |
| than one page | from within or outside of the text | |
| | (illustrations can also be models/ | |
| | diagrams that show relationships or | |
| | create analogies) | |
| | Texts: good for use with poetry, use of | |
| | figurative /descriptive language, abstract | |
| | themes or complex concepts | |
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Vocabulary Resources & References

Bringing Words to Life, by Beck, McKeown, & Kucan

Content Area Reading, by Vacca & Vacca

"Making connections: Alternatives to vocabulary notebooks" Blachowicz. Journal of Reading 29, 2: 643-49

Teaching Vocabulary in All Classrooms, (3rd ed.) by Blachowicz & Fisher

Words, Words, by Janet Allen

Words, Words, Words (2011 workshop) Suzanne Carreker, Neuhaus Education Center, Austin, TX

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