

# Comprehension Writing Frames

## Wisconsin State Standards Strand

Reading: Literature and Informational Texts  
- Key Ideas and Details

**Grade Level**  
K-12

### Purpose

Use with students to support comprehension: express ideas about a text or topic

### When to Use

During Reading  
After Reading

### Grouping

Whole Group  
Small Group  
Partners  
Individuals

## ABOUT THE STRATEGY

Using COMPREHENSION WRITING FRAMES is a strategy that provides students a structure to use when expressing their ideas about a text. As students become proficient at expressing their ideas about a text, they will decrease their use of the COMPREHENSION WRITING FRAMES and use the structures independently within their own discussions and writing. This strategy can be used during and after reading a text. This strategy supports students' comprehension by providing a structure that supports students' ability to express their ideas about a text.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGY

- Establish the purpose for using the comprehension writing frames.
- Model the use of the comprehension writing frames with the students, using a class text and a think aloud to illustrate your thinking; scaffold as needed.
- Have students read texts and complete the frames either independently or with a partner to demonstrate comprehension.

## MEASURING PROGRESS

- Teacher observation
- Conferring
- Student self-reflection
- Writing frames post-reading as assessment

## RESEARCH

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# Comprehension Writing Frames

Use the comprehension writing frames to express your ideas about a text. Record the page number.

The title of the text I read is \_\_\_\_\_.

The author of the text is \_\_\_\_\_.

## Make a Comment

- My favorite part so far is . . .
- I like the part where . . .
- I don't like this part because . . .
- This is good because . . .
- This is hard because . . .
- This is confusing because . . .

## Clarify Thinking

- Oh, I get it . . .
- Now I understand. . .
- This makes sense now. . .
- No, I think it means. . .
- I agree with you. This means. . .
- At first I thought (fill in detail), but now I think. . .
- This part is really saying. . .

## Make an Inference

- I infer that . . .
- I wonder if . . .
- I think that . . .
- Since this happened (fill in detail), then I bet the next thing that is going to happen is . . .
- Reading this part makes me think that this (fill in detail) is about to happen. . .

## Ask a Question

- Why did . . .
- What's this part about . . .
- How is this (fill in the detail) like this (fill in the detail) . . .
- What would happen if . . .
- Why . . .
- Who is . . .
- What does this section (fill in detail) mean . . .
- Do you think that . . .

## Make a Connection

- When I read the part about (fill in details), it reminds me of. . .
- This part is like . . .
- This character (fill in name) is like (fill in name) because . . .
- This is similar to . . .
- The differences are . . .
- I also (name something in the text that has happened to you) . . .
- I never (name something in the text that has never happened to you) . . .
- This character makes me think of . . .
- This setting reminds me of . . .