

BUILDING DEEPER READING COMPREHENSION: TEACH VISUALIZING AND INFERRING THROUGH CHARACTER STUDY AND NONFICTION

Grades 3-8

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Making a Movie in Your Mind that enables you to live out the story alongside a character can engage students to be engrossed in their stories. Teaching students how to visualize through multiple strategies and text rich with character development should be a priority in all classrooms. Growing theories and conclusions about characters in their complex worlds allows students to utilize higher order thinking skills. In this workshop, Monique will provide strategies for mini-lessons that can be taught in strands to build a repertoire for your students to achieve this kind of thinking. She will model lessons with teachers that can be used in their classrooms. Then she will instruct teachers in how to transfer these same powerful comprehension skills to non-fiction reading. Teachers will learn techniques and strategies to enable their students to engage with and grow ideas about the topics they are studying beyond the literal text.

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worked as a staff developer with the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project for several years, in which she consulted in classrooms across the country. She also taught 4th grade and Middle School in New York City. Her classroom was a model for Reading and Writing Workshop for other teachers to visit and learn from. She was a Literacy Coach under Carmen Farina, the former Deputy Chancellor for Teaching in New York City. She is currently an Assistant Principal in Queens, NY in a very high English Language Learner population, and she continues to consult in all aspects of the Reading and Writing Workshop.

Topics that will be addressed:

- Explicit reading skill instruction for Visualizing, and Inferring in fiction and nonfiction texts
- Conversational Moves that foster comprehension and develop higher order thinking skills
- Mini-Lessons and Strategies for moving students to the next reading level

About the Presenter

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