

TEACHING COMPREHENSION STRATEGIES

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This interactive workshop takes the participants on a journey into their own reading. It is based on the premise that for adults to understand and teach the comprehension strategies outlined in *Mosaic of Thought* and *7 Keys to Comprehension*, they must first consciously apply them in their own reading. It explores the visible and invisible sides of reading, provides an overview of the comprehension strategies, and explores the key components of an effective readers workshop, including modeling, "think-alouds," scheduling, and classroom environment.

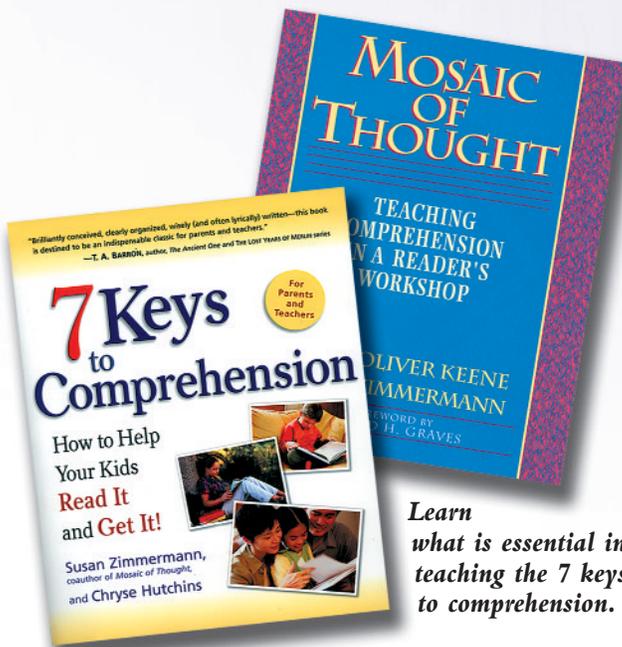
Learn practical strategies for:

- Strengthening students engagement with and understanding of texts
- Increasing students understanding of what it means to comprehend
- Investigating the comprehension strategies and developing specific approaches to teach them explicitly
- Using quality children's literature to support the teaching of comprehension strategies
- Using "think-alouds" as a primary component of reader's workshop
- Acquiring specific ideas and activities that you can apply in your classroom to enhance comprehension instruction

Susan Zimmermann, noted author, speaker, and workshop leader, co-founded and served as the executive director of Denver's Public Education and Business Coalition, a public/private partnership that mobilizes business support and involvement in public education. She started numerous programs to improve the quality of public schools, including the Writing and Reading Projects, which have been implemented in over one hundred Colorado schools. These programs provide the examples in *Mosaic of Thought*, an educational bestseller that presents new and innovative teaching paradigms based on thinking strategies used by proficient readers. Susan has recently published "*7 Keys to Comprehension: How to Help Your Kids Read It and Get It!*" with coauthor Chryse Hutchins (Three Rivers Press).

A graduate of Yale Law School and mother of four, Susan speaks throughout the United States on ways to deepen reading and writing experiences for adults and children.

Learn what is essential in teaching the 7 keys to comprehension.



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