Pausing To Connect

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"Pausing to Connect" is a reading strategy that helps readers gain deeper understandings of the texts they read. Skilled readers will often pause to make connections within a text. They will ask questions such as:

1. What do I **understand** so far? What don't I **understand**?

2. What information does the author need to **clarify**?

3. What is the author **saying** in this paragraph/section of text?

4. What is the author **doing** in this paragraph/section of text?

5. What **words** or **phrases** are important? How do these terms or phrases **connect** to what the author is arguing?

6. How does what I just read **connect** to the above paragraph or section?

7. What is the author trying to get me to **think about** here?

8. Why has the author **repeated** this word?

9. What is the author's **purpose**?

10. How **successful** has the author been in accomplishing their purpose?

11. How has this section or paragraph helped my **understanding** of the text as a whole?

12. **Summarize** what you have read.

13. What does the reading remind you of? What **connections** can you make?

14. What **questions** does the text raise for you? Speculate about the answers.

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