

## **General**

### **Text Sets**

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### **First Book**

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### [Independent Reading](#)

This is a great article that provides validation for incorporating independent reading in every classroom.

### **Leveled Texts**

Both [Tween Tribune](#) and [Newsela](#) provide various informational texts at various levels.

### [Keys to Comprehension](#)

John Steinbeck said, “Reading is the greatest single effort that the human mind undertakes, and one must do it as a child.” There are many factors that contribute to the understanding of written material. All of these form the basis for the development of comprehension skills. Susan Zimmermann and Chryse Hutchins, in their book for parents, *7 Keys to Comprehension*, suggest several things that good readers do to make meaning from what they read. Other “keys” have been added to this list based on current research in the field of reading comprehension. No one key is more important than the others; they all work together in the creation of a skilled reader.

### [Comprehension Continuum](#)

### [Edutopia](#)

Edutopia provides you with various resources such as blogs, videos, articles, sample lesson plans, and much more on various trending topics in education.

### [Comprehension Strategies- Stephanie Harvey](#)

This guide provides information on:

- Gradual Release of Responsibility
- Components of Active Literacy
- Anchor Charts
- Nonfiction Reading Comprehension
- Annotating
- Nonfiction Features that Signal Importance
- Read, Write, and Talk (A process to increase comprehension)
- Collaboration
- Source Sets
- Inquiry vs. Coverage Approach
- Inquiry Model
- Inferential Thinking
- Assessment and Evaluation

### **[Effective Assignment Sequencing for Scaffolding Learning](#)**

The Sweetland Center for Writing provides the reader with effective ways to create an assignment that focuses on sequencing for scaffolding.

### **[Creating Essential Questions](#)**

Pat Clifford and Sharon Friesen breakdown the essential elements that are required to create an essential question.

### **[Enduring Understandings and Essential Questions](#)**

Hopkington Public Schools provides a list of possible enduring understandings and essential questions that could be used when planning effective lessons.

### **[Achieve the Core](#)**

This website has examples of lessons and additional resources.

### **[The Learning Network](#)**

The New York Times provides lesson plans.

### **[Teaching Channel](#)**

A great website that provides videos of lessons being taught. You can select by grade level or subject/content.



## **[Internet 4 Classrooms](#)**

Internet 4 Classrooms provide activities, graphic organizers, and lesson plans for writing in the middle school.

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