

The CMT4 Reading Comprehension Toolkit

Tool: Making Text-to-Self Connections Form

Text: Fiction

Use: During, After Reading

CMT Strands: All

Description:

Making Text-to-Self Connections Form is a graphic organizer for students to use to make relevant personal connections to the text. These personal connections provide background knowledge and help students form a deeper understanding of the story and the characters.

In order for students to use their text-to-self connections in a way that helps and doesn't hinder their understanding of the story, students need to be able to know when a personal connection is helping to make sense of the text and when it is pulling them away from the text.

The Making Text-to-Self Connections Form can be used in a variety of ways.

- Prepare students for a written response
- Provide students with opportunity to share and compare information in collaborative work groups to build understanding
- Organize information for student oral or written response to focus questions
- Provide students with support to help fill in the Comparison Matrix
- Assess student's comprehension of content and concepts

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Making Text-to-Self Connections

Text	My Personal Connection to the Text	How This Connection Helped Me Better Understand the Text