

## RETELL, RELATE, REFLECT

The three R's framework is a strategy for after reading which assures that students can retell the story, relate connections and reflect upon insights.

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### MATERIALS:

Big books or picture books for modeling the process, classroom reading material for guided and independent practice

### PROCEDURES:

- After reading, the teacher encourages students to retell the story in their own words, relate personal connections and verbalize how those connections help with the understanding of the story, and reflect upon the story with insights and questions.
- **RETELL:** tells back, summarizes, explains, and/or identifies all or part of the story with sentence starters which may include: "This is about . . ." "It happened . . ." "I noticed that . . ." "I like the part when . . ."
- **RELATE:** makes connections to personal experiences, other stories, and other areas of the curriculum; applies learning to new or similar situations; compares and contrasts with sentences starters which may include: "This reminds me of . . ." "I remember when . . ." "It makes me think of . . ." "It makes me feel that . . ." "This is the same as . . ." "This is different than . . ."
- **REFLECT:** questions, wonders, predicts, infers, makes insights (aha!), thinks about other possibilities or extensions with sentence starters which may include: "I wonder how . . ." "I wonder if . . ." "I wonder why . . ." "This gives me an idea to . . ." "I think that . . ." "Now I understand that . . ."

### EXTENSIONS:

- writing activities
- research

### RESOURCES:

- Retelling, Relating, Reflecting: Beyond the 3 R's. Schwartz, Susan and Bone, Maxine.

## Fiction Retell

Somebody (the main character)

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Wanted (their goal or motivation)

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So (what they did to try to get it)

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But (the conflict)

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So (the resolutions to the problem)

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Finally, (the ending if different from above)

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### Five W's Chart

Fill in each row with details that answer the question.

**What** happened?

**Who** was there?

**Why** did it happen?

**When** did it happen?

**Where** did it happen?