

***Key Three Routine: Comprehension Strategy Instruction  
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Key Three Activities	Targeted Comprehension Strategy or Skill	When Used
1. Create a topic web that represents the main ideas in the reading or unit of study.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• predicting/pre-reading</li> <li>• graphic organizers/story structure</li> <li>• main idea/summarizing</li> </ul>	Before, during, after
2. Use main ideas to generate questions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• predicting/pre-reading</li> <li>• main idea/summarizing</li> <li>• generating/answering questions</li> <li>• comprehension monitoring</li> </ul>	Before, during
3. Generate two-column notes.  <u>Big Picture Notes:</u> Place section main ideas in the left column and paragraph main ideas in the right column.  <u>Detailed Notes:</u> Place paragraph main ideas in the left column and key details from sentences in the right column.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• main idea/summarizing</li> <li>• comprehension monitoring</li> <li>• graphic organizers</li> </ul>	During
4. Generate a summary.  <u>Big Picture Summary:</u> Use the topic web to generate a chapter or unit summary.  <u>Section Summary:</u> Use the left side of two-column notes to generate a summary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• main idea/summarizing</li> <li>• comprehension monitoring</li> </ul>	After
5. Review and revise topic webs, two-column notes, questions and answers, and summaries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• generating/answering questions</li> <li>• comprehension monitoring</li> <li>• graphic organizers</li> </ul>	After

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