

Comprehension Strategies and Scripture Texts

Connections to AWES



ACTIVATING PRIOR KNOWLEDGE

The Scripture Text

The World of the Author

What do I already know about this text?

What have I read that was similar to this text?

What do I know about the author?

What do I know about the community the author was writing for?

What do I know about the setting of the text?

What do I know about Jesus' world at the time of the text?

What type of genre is this text?

What sort of language features would I expect to find in this text?

PREDICTING

The Scripture Text

The World of the Author

I think the text will be aboutbecause
From what I already know about, I predict
The audience this author was writing for isso I think that
The style of this author isso I think



QUESTIONING

The Scripture Text

The World of the Author

I wonder why, where, when, how, if, who-----?

What was the author trying to tell their community about?

Do I already know something about this topic?

What do I think I will learn from this text?

What have I learnt from this text?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Unlocking the Message

Text to self:
That section reminds me of
I remember when
This makes me think of a time when
I feel likewhen
Text to Text:
This reminds me of another Bible text I have read
I have already read aboutin
Text to World:
Similar things happen these days when
This is different to things that happen now because
I have read an article/book or seen a movie about this



INFERRING

Unlocking the Message

Reading between the lines, I think
I already knowso I think
In my experience
I think the author is really saying
The author's clues were
I think what's really going on is
I wonder why
I wonder if

SUMMARISING

Unlocking the Message

The most important thing to know about-----is----.

The main point I think the author of this Bible text is making is----.

In my own words, the narrative/Psalm/ etc. talks to me about-----.

The most important idea, for me, in this narrative/Psalm/ etc. is----.

If I had to explain this to someone else, I would say-------.



SYNTHESISING- When Recontextualisation can be expressed.

Invitation to Respond

Synthesising is when students combine or merge their own prior knowledge with new ideas or information to create new and complete thoughts, ideas, opinions, or perspectives. This is the highest and most complex form of comprehension. Responses and interpretations to the text show synthesis and can be oral, written, dramatic or artistic.

Has my thinking changed after reading this text?

Has this text challenged me? If so, how and why?

How can I use what I have understood to inform my own life?

Reading this text has made me think-----. My new understanding is that-----.

How could I use this learning in my life----?

Can the connections I made reading this text help me to create a new understanding about God/Jesus?

Can the connections I have made reading this text help me to gain a new perspective on-----?