

# Making Connections Lesson 1

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## Making Connections with Text Lesson #1

This is the first of three lessons on teaching 'Making Connections with Text.' Teaching students to make connections between previous knowledge, experiences, and emotions and the text they are reading, will —

- help the reader become more involved with the text
- improve attention span when reading
- enhance understanding of difficult material
- help students retain information

### Where to Begin

Begin by modeling for your students. Offer information such as:

Text to Text

- This book reminds me of --- [another book] because ---.

Text to Self

- I felt like --- when ---.
- If this happened to me, I would ---.

Text to Media

- This story reminds me of — [name specific TV show, movie, etc.] because —.

Text to World

- This reminded me of what is happening in [name specific event] because ---.

Often 'text to self' is the easiest place to start. Once students have seen the teacher model, they will often began making connections on their own.

Next ask questions to get students involved in the discussion. These might include:

Text to Text

- How did something you have read help you better understand this?
- How is this text similar to or different from other things you have read?
- What other book does this remind you of?

Text to Self

- How did reading this make you feel?
- Have you ever experienced something like this?
- What has happened in your life to help you better understand this?

Text to Media

- What [movie, TV show, song, or other media] did this remind you of?
- What did you learn from [television, films, songs, etc.] that helped you better understand this text?
- How did the [song] help you understand this text?
- What part of this text relates to the movie you saw?

Text to World

- What has happened in the world that is similar to this text?
- How did your knowledge of [what is happening in the world] help you better understand this text?
- What part reminds you of something in the world around us?



Text to Self

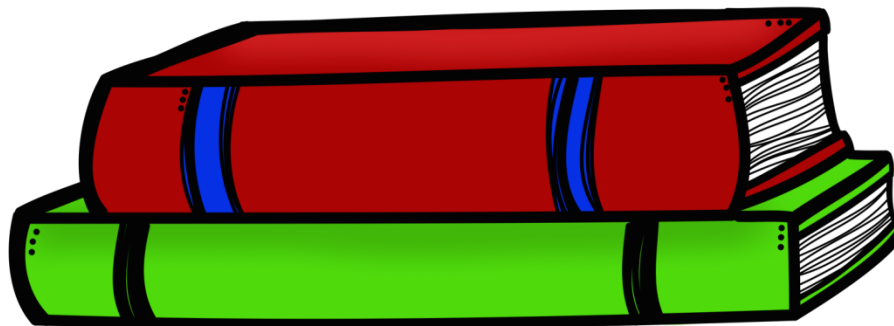


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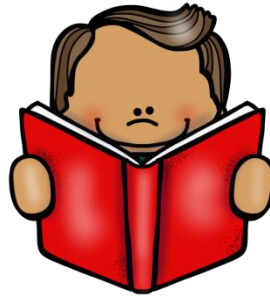


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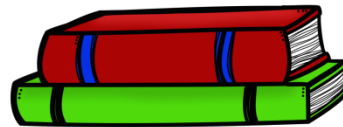
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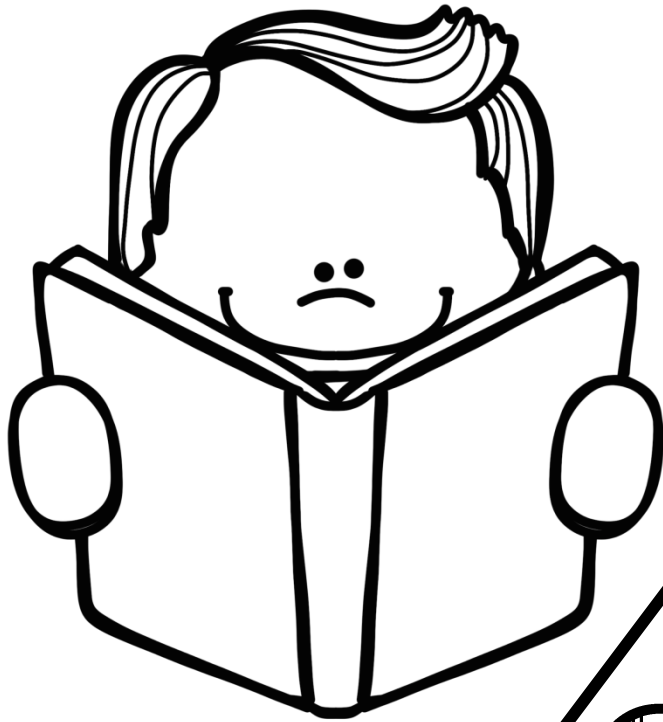
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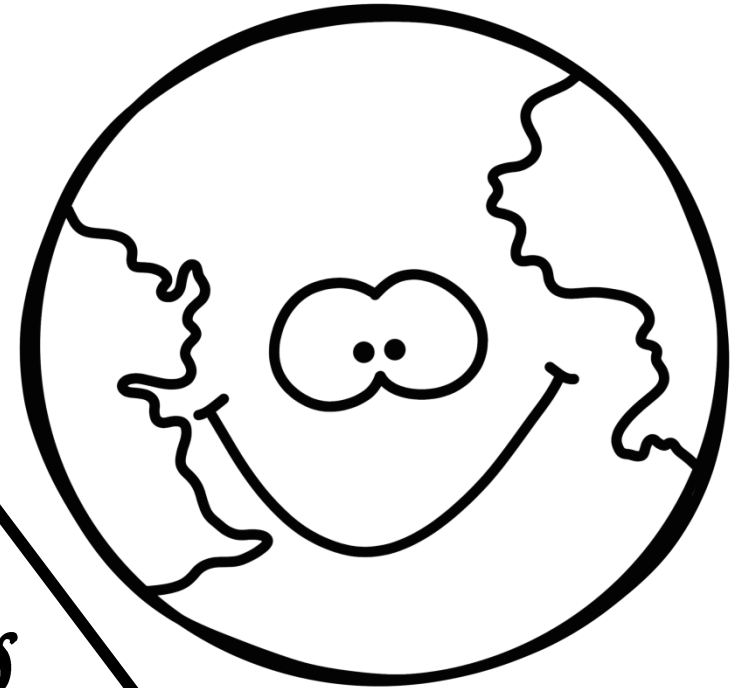
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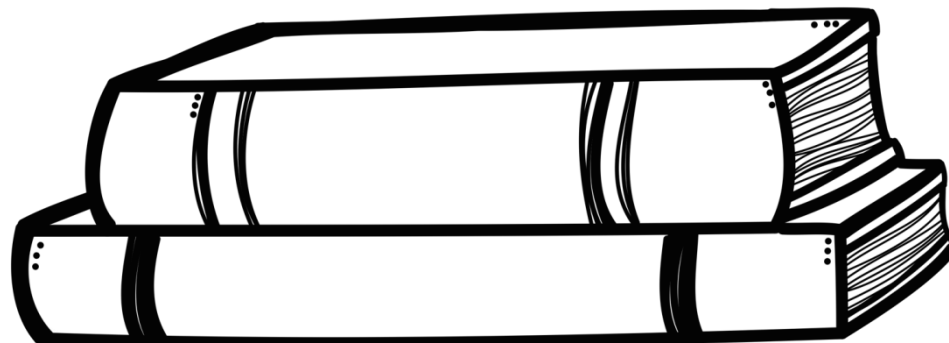


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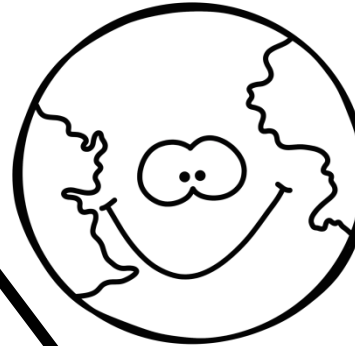
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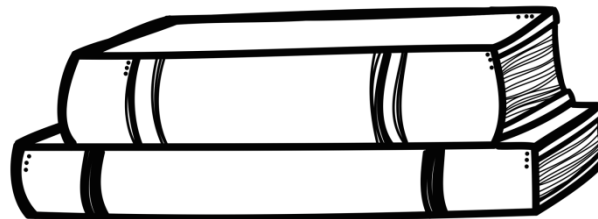


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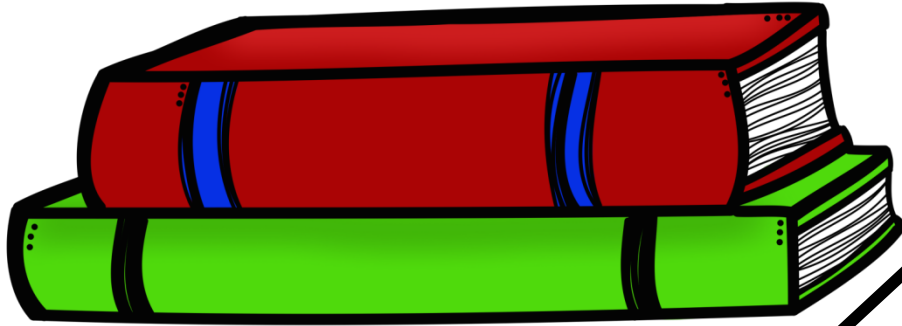
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Text to Text



Text to Self



Text to Media



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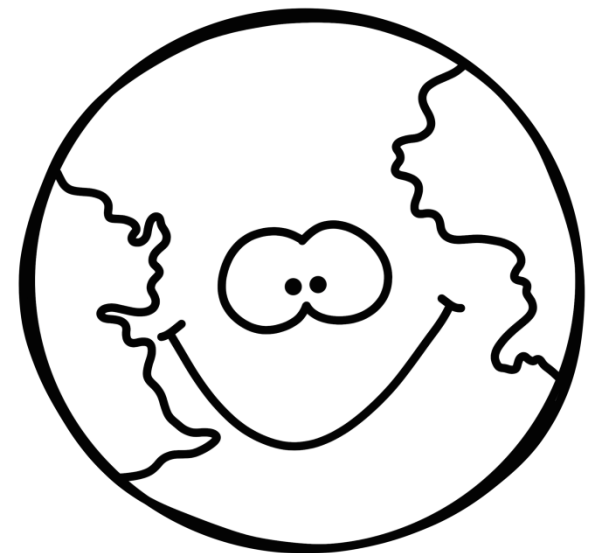


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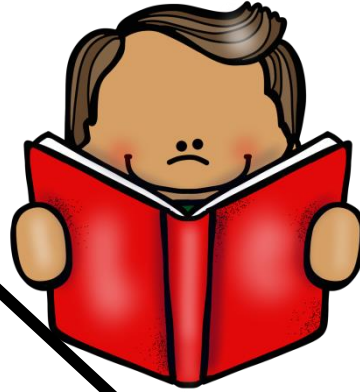
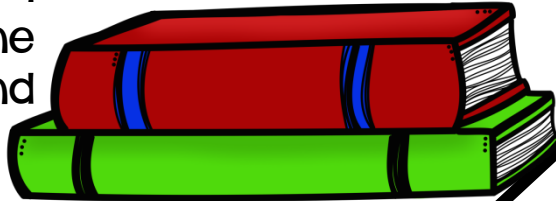


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How did something I have read help me better understand this?

How is this text similar to or different from other things I have read?

This book reminds me of ---- (another book) because ----.



## Text to Self

How did reading this make me feel?

Have I ever experienced something like this?

What has happened in my life to help me better understand this?

I felt like ---- when ----.

If this happened to me, I would ----.

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## Text to Media

What movie, TV show, song, or other media did this remind me of?

How did my knowledge that I learned from the media help me better understand this text?

What part of this text relates to the movie I saw?



## Text to World

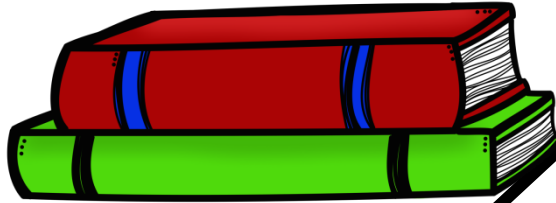
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How did my knowledge of what is happening in the world help me better understand this text?

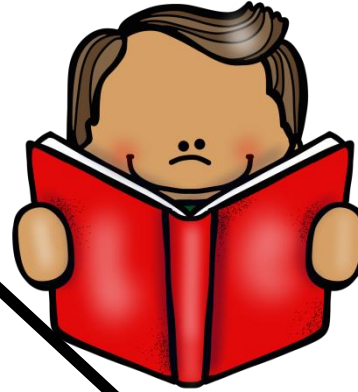
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Text to Text



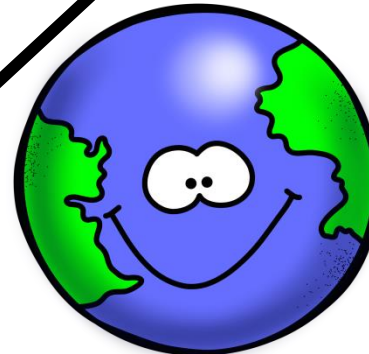
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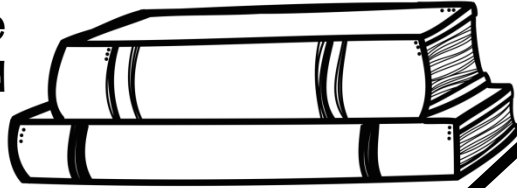


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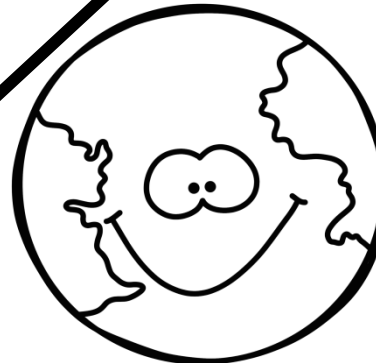


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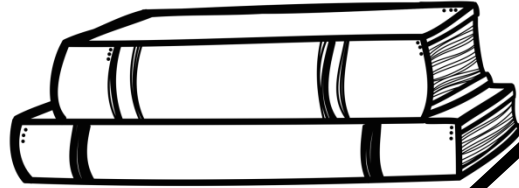
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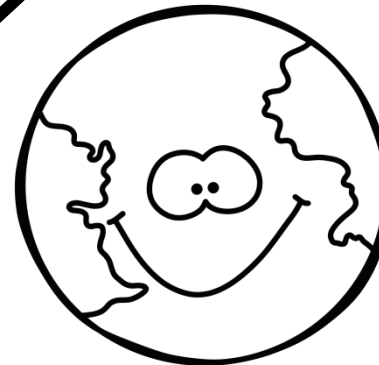
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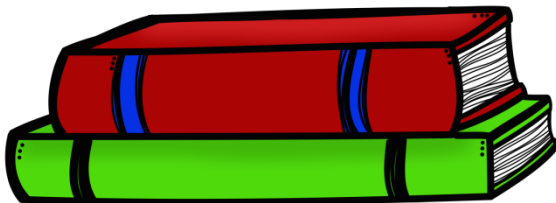
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