

# A Blog for Busy Teachers

## FREE LANGUAGE-BASED TEACHING STRATEGIES

### Paraphrasing in Literature to Support Reading Comprehension

#### Tips

- Define and remind students what it means to paraphrase vs summarize. Additionally, make sure that students understand figurative language such as simile, metaphor, and personification.
- Encourage students to read the passages aloud and more than once to boost comprehension and oral reading fluency.
- Make sure that students cycle back to the unknown words and add any that were discussed or debated.

#### Template for Paraphrasing

Directions:	Response
Page # and first lines of quote:	
Unknown vocab words and definitions:	
Sentence by sentence description of the quote is saying in my own words:	

#### Extensions

- Ask students to compose a paragraph about the quote that they paraphrased.
- Add an additional column that asks students to analyze and connect the paraphrase to a larger theme or idea in the text read.
- Work towards a gradual release of responsibility. Complete a few paraphrases together and then begin to require more independence with the skill.

