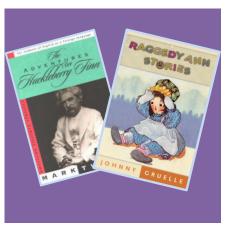
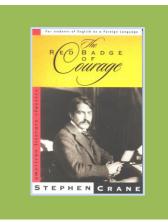


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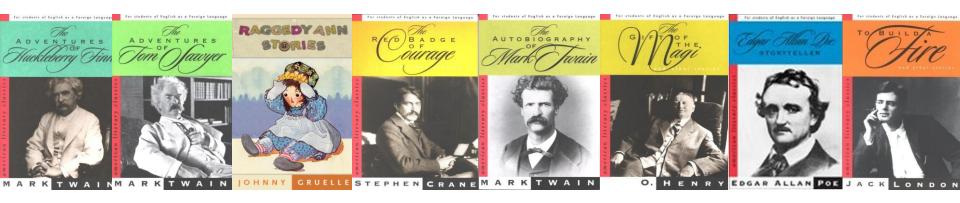
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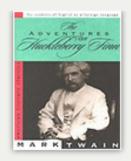
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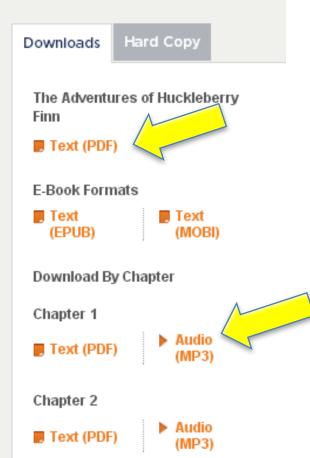
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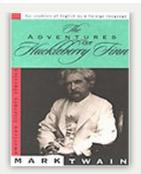
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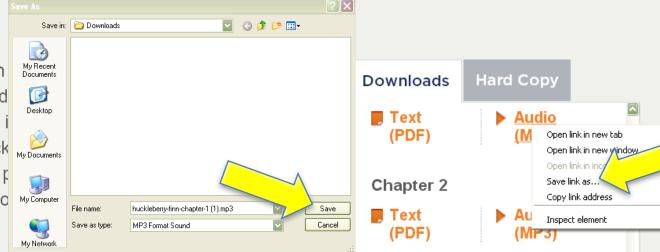




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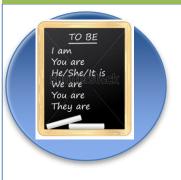


- Whole Class
- •Reading Centers (In Groups)
- ·Classroom Management
- Independently



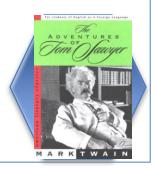
Reading Centers (Groups)

Classroom Setup 1

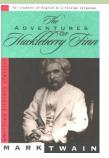


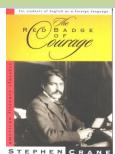


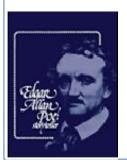


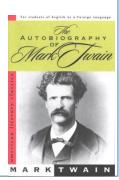


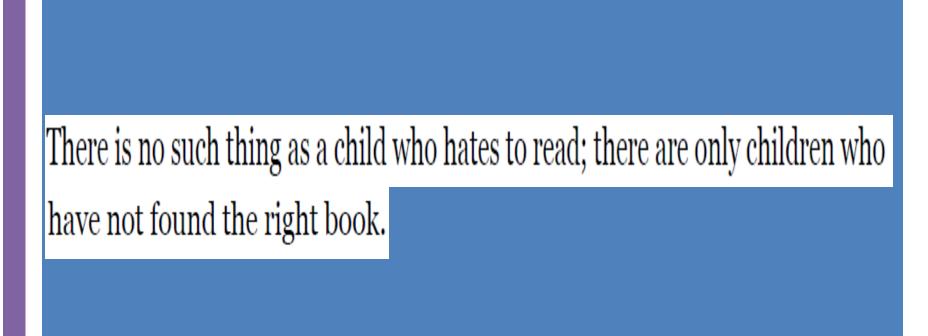
Classroom Setup 2













Classroom Management

- Rewards
- Warm-ups, closings, transitions
- During "boring" tasks
 - Ex: clean-up

Independently

- Commuting/Traveling to and from school
- While doing daily chores
- An incentive program





Reading & Listening Skills

- Vocabulary Building
- Listening/Reading Comprehension
- Listening/Reading for Details
- Summarizing & Sequencing
- Prediction
- Analysis

Vocabulary Building

- Listening for Vocabulary
 - High frequency words
 - (articles, forms of "to be", question words, etc.)
 - New vocabulary
 - (places in a town, emotions, etc.)
 - Highlighting a specific grammar point
 - (example: present perfect verbs, going to)
- Activities
 - Raise hand
 - Stand up
 - Tally
 - Categorizing

Activity 1: Listening for Vocabulary

- Assign each student (or groups of students depending on class size) one word that they will hear.
- Have students stand up (raise their hand or tally) each time they hear their assigned word. If the word is an action word, they can stand up and do the action.



Activity 1: Listening for Vocabulary

In chapter 36 of <u>The</u>
<u>Adventures of Huckleberry</u>
<u>Finn</u>, students will hear
these four words. Assign
each student one of these
words. Have them stand
up each time they hear
their assigned word.

Raise your hand each time you hear:

Rats

Poisonous Snakes

Bugs

Harmless Snakes

Vocabulary Building

Activity 2: Categorizing

In chapter 1 of <u>The Autobiography of Mark</u>
<u>Twain</u>, students will hear Mark Twain
describe his hometown. Have students make a
list of the places they hear. Next, have
students listen again and make a list of all of
the descriptions of the places they hear.

Activity 2: Categorizing

Locations in a City/Town/Village

Nouns		

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Locations in a City/Town/Village

Nouns Village House Palace Streets Church School house Store

Activity 2: Categorizing

Locations in a City/Town/Village

Noun	Description
Village	
House	
Palace	
Streets	
Church	
School house	
Store	

Activity 2: Categorizing

Locations in a City/Town/Village

Noun	Description
Village	
House	Made of logs, not of brick or stone
Palace	
Streets	A couple hundred yards, thick black mud in wet times, deep dust in dry times
Church	Made of logs
School house	is the church
Stores	small

Vocabulary Building

Activity 2: Categorizing

- What are some words or phrases that your students might not understand?
- What are some concept checking questions you might ask?
 - Was there a palace in the town?
 - Do you think Mark Twain's house was big or small? How do you know?
 - The streets were "a couple of hundred yards"? What unit of measurement (used in our country) is similar to yards (used in America)?

Activity 2: Categorizing

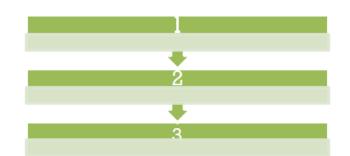
In pairs, have students discuss what they believe the town to look like (based on the descriptions) and draw a picture or map of the town.



Sequencing & Summarizing

Activity 3

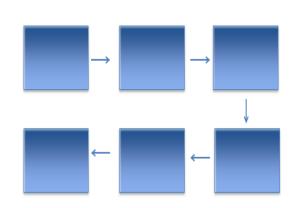
- Have students listen to a segment of a story (preferably with a lot of action) 2-3 times and quickly write down what happens in the story.
- Next, have students rewrite what happens in complete sentences



- In pairs, have students compare their stories.
- In pairs, have students select 4-6 of the most important parts write their sentences on strips of paper.

- Have each pair mix their sequence and trade with another group.
- Each group should try to sequence the other group's cards.





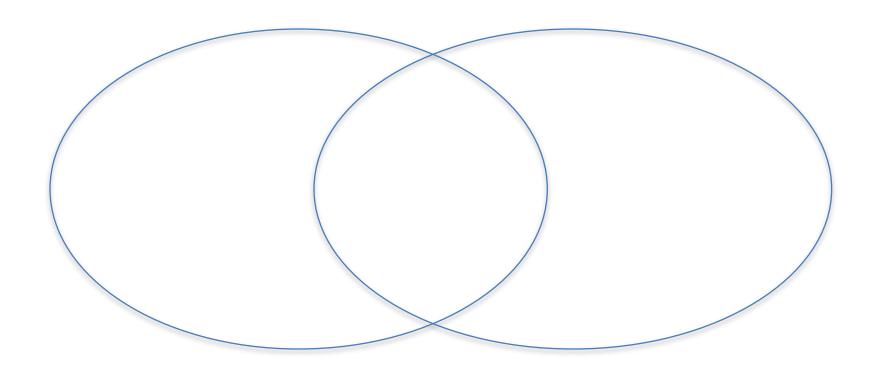
Character Comparison Activity 4

In chapter 1 of <u>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</u>, students will hear Aunt Polly and Tom interact. Have students describe each character based on their interactions.

Character Comparison Activity 4

Aunt Polly

Tom Sawyer



Character Comparison Activity 4

	Huck	Tom	Jim
Physical Description			
Personality Traits			
Feelings/Emotions			

Alternative Graphic Organizer

Predicting Activity 5

In the beginning of <u>The Gift of the Magi</u> (0:24-0:55), students will listen to the very beginning. Then they will make a prediction (or creative story) of what they think will happen.

Predicting

Activity 5

- Have students listen to a piece of the story 2-3 times.
- Put students in pairs or groups and have students create a scenario to finish the story
- Have students perform <u>act 2</u> of the story or have students write <u>part 2</u> of the story
- Other Activities:
 - Chain story
 - Writing a prequel

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Cause and Effect

Character Chart

Character Map

Character Relationship Web

KWL

Making Predictions (Secondary Level)

Mind Map

Piece of the Paragraph

Plot Structure

Right Angle

The Five Senses

Thematic Map

Sequencing Chart

Similarities and Differences

Story Elements

Story Facts

Web

What am I?

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Graphic Organizers

Use these graphic organizers, which have been specially adapted for use with audiobooks, to help your students build organizational skills in reading. Each graphic organizer includes an introduction, steps for use with audiobooks, an example and a reproducible form.

<u>Character Map</u>: The Character Map will help students develop the skills necessary to successfully identify character traits.

<u>Character Chart</u>: The Character Chart will help students identify and analyze character traits in a literary work using supporting evidence from the text.

<u>Character Relationship Web</u>: The Character Relationship Web provides a means for students to visually represent the relationships that exist between characters.

KWL: Use the KWL chart for students to record: K- what they know about a concept; W- what they want to learn about a subject; L- what they have learned about a subject.

<u>Making Predictions (Secondary Level)</u>: This will provide students in grades 6-12 with a way to create a visual representation of their ideas when making predictions about a novel.

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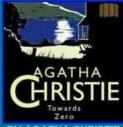
<u>Piece of the Paragraph</u>: This graphic organizer clearly states the main components of a paragraph. This organizer is for use with writing assignments.

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