

Text Connections

8th Grade Language Arts

What are text connections?

- We make connections to what we read based on our prior knowledge of the topic and our own experiences.
- Text connections can be placed into 3 categories:
 - Text-to-Text
 - Text-to-Self
 - Text-to-World

Text-to-Text

- How do the ideas in this text remind you of another text (story, book, movie, song, etc)?
 - What I just read reminds me of _____ (story/book/movie/song) because...
 - The ideas in this text are similar to the ideas in _____ because....
 - The ideas in this text are different than the ideas in - _____ because....

Text-to-Self

- How do the ideas in this text relate to your own life, ideas and experiences?
 - What I just read reminds me of the time when I....
 - I agree with/understand what I just read because in my own life...
 - I don't agree with what I just read because in my own life...

Text-to-World

- How do the ideas in this text reading relate to the larger world – past, present and future?
 - What I just read makes me think about _____ (event from the past) because.....
 - What I just read makes me think about _____ (event from today related to my own community, nation or world) because....
 - What I just read makes me wonder about the future because....

Let's practice

- Read the article and respond in each category (Text-to-Self, Text-to-Text, Text-to-World) by completing each of the statements.

Source

- <https://www.facinghistory.org/for-educators/educator-resources/teaching-strategies/text-text-text-self-text-worl>