



## Keys to Comprehension



**Monitoring & Correcting:** Being a mindful reader  
Involves not only reciting the words, but also understanding



**Visualizing:** The creation in your mind of sensory images...pictures, smells, tastes, sounds, and feeling.



**Making Connections:** An important reading strategy, making connections or developing schema enhances understanding by connecting to the world around you.



**Predicting/Asking Questions:** Asking questions is indispensable for creating & strengthening the readers dialogue with the page.



**Inferring:** Mature readers are able to read between the lines. By using inferences, readers elaborate upon what they read, going beyond what is written on the page.



**Searching For & Using Information:** Determining importance has to do with knowing why you are reading and then making decisions about which information or ideas are most critical to understanding the meaning of the piece.



**Summarizing:** Proficient readers are able to summarize as a way of helping recall what they read and communicate it to others.



**Synthesizing:** Experienced readers synthesize as they read. They determine the main idea and key points as they read.



**Analyzing:** Thinking about a text means reflecting on it, holding it up for examination, and drawing conclusions.



**Critiquing:** Thinking critically about a text requires the reader to evaluate in complex ways.