

Tips for Helping Students “Connect” with Text:

- Choose appropriate level reading materials. Match texts to readers.
- Choose texts that focus on familiar or universal themes (e.g., family, pets, traditions, etc.)

Tips for Using Reading Materials Effectively:

- Remember that the anthologies and textbooks assigned to your grade level and subject area are written for an “imaginary” group of students.
- Preview all materials you plan to use and create lessons that include strategies appropriate to your class.
- Match strategies to texts and students’ needs.
- Keep in mind that *the teacher* is the primary teaching tool in the classroom—*not the anthologies, leveled readers, textbooks, dittos, and workbooks!*
- Remember that any time your eyes are on the anthology or text curriculum guide, they are *not* on the students! Take your cues from the students—not from the order of the teacher’s manual!