

Making Connections

These three strategies can help students make connect their own prior knowledge to the material being studied. The following table outlines three methods for making connections.

TEXT-TO-TEXT	TEXT-TO-SELF	TEXT-TO-WORLD
While reading, mark a sentence in which you connect one piece of text to another thing you have read. In the spaces below, copy the words, paraphrase, or draw a picture. Then write out your connection.	Connect what you are reading to your own life. Think about your past experiences or prior knowledge.	Connect what you are reading to an event, person, or issue in our society.
Quote or picture from the text	Quote or picture from the text	Quote or picture from the text
Based on what I have read before, this reminds me of...	In my own life, this reminds me of...	Based on what I know about society, this reminds me of...