

Modeling Nonfiction Strategies Bingo

Vocabulary and Comprehension	Graphics and Illustrations	Design Features
Teach new words in advance and Define words while reading	Use visual thinking: What do you see in this graphic? What makes you see that? What else does it show?	Use title and table of contents to get kids thinking about the topic and what they already know about it
Point out and define Signal and Academic words	Does this graphic give examples of what the words say or does it provide extra information?	Point out chapter titles, headings, subheadings and definitions
Find the main idea and point it out, then find supporting ideas and point them out	Where can I find the answer to my question? In the words? In the graphics? In my own head? By combining any of these?	Point out sidebars, insets and captions and explore the information they contain.
Check to see if kids understand what you are reading along the way	Question the picture: Does it make sense? Is it accurate? Does it support the words?	Search for answers to kids questions using the index and appendices

What qualities are we looking for in nonfiction for kids?

- ✓ **Engaging:** High quality writing, illustration and design, and a topic that interests kids
- ✓ **Accessible/age-appropriate:** Provide multiple texts on the same topic to provide varying degrees of difficulty AND different points of view
- ✓ **Complex:** Contains layers of information so you can learn from a quick first reading, but also gain more knowledge by re-reading and digging deeper
- ✓ **Accurate:** It should go without saying, but unfortunately, it doesn't

Nonfiction Authors, Books, and Series I Like

Nonfiction resources

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/sibertmedal>

<http://www.childrensbookguild.org/nonfiction-award/past-winners>

<https://www.amightygirl.com/books>

<https://diversebooks.org/resources-for-race-equity-and-inclusion/><https://bookriot.com/best-nonfiction-books-for-kids/>

<http://teachwithpicturebooks.blogspot.com/>

<http://nonfictionandthecommoncore.blogspot.com/>

<http://inkrethink.blogspot.com/>

<https://www.nonfictionminute.org/>

<https://blog.richmond.edu/openwidelookinside/>