When ELLs Can’t Summarize, Use SWBS

When Kids’ Can’t Read, What Teachers Can Do

The strategies address

- Vocabulary
- Reading strategies
- Inference-making
- Reading comprehension

is book by Kylene Beers that shares research- and classroom-tested strategies to help struggling secondary students acquire reading skills.

Teachers can quickly diagnose reading struggles and then strategically teach specific strategies to support the child.

Though this book was not specifically written for ELLs, these strategies can be applied to meet ELLs’ literacy needs.

Diagnose & Teach

"If a student can call all the words and read at a reasonable rate, but has trouble answering the questions, discussing the text, understanding unknown words, and says reading is boring..."


Post Reading

Someone Wanted to But So

Take Aways

1. ELLs can to summarize texts
2. Summarizing is an important academic skill
3. Teachers can offer a struggle to help learn demanding academic skills such as summarizing

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