

Academic Literacy and Learning

Teacher & Student Resources

Supporting the Development of Adolescent Literacy, Learning and Study Skills



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1. **NBSS Comprehension and Learning Strategies for all Subject Areas** (2008). This resource outlines research-based comprehension, learning and thinking strategies that can be integrated into all subject areas.
2. **NBSS Comprehension and Learning Strategies Classroom Posters** (2008). These posters are designed to supplement the teaching of the strategies outlined in the above resource. They are intended as a visual reference for students of the key comprehension and learning strategies all learners need.
3. **NBSS Language and Literacy Games** (2008). This resource contains numerous ideas on how to develop vocabulary and oral language skills in a fun way.
4. **NBSS Read: Engage Students with High Interest and Low Readability Books** (2008). This teacher resource provides information on high interest/low readability fiction and non-fiction texts, as well as titles related to specific subject topic areas. High Interest and Low Readability books can encourage reading and support the development of fluency and vocabulary skills.
5. **NBSS Literacy and Learning: Programmes and Resources** (2008). This teacher resource gives an overview of commercially available programmes and resources that teachers in NBSS partner schools have used successfully to support the development of reading, learning and literacy skills.
6. **NBSS Activating Prior Knowledge - Lesson Starters Ideas: Previewing & Reviewing** (2009). This resource outlines over 30 activities that can be used to activate students' prior knowledge at the beginning of a lesson and review learning from a previous lesson.
7. **NBSS Listening, Discussion and Teamwork Lesson Ideas** (2009). This resource suggests activities that can be used to develop students' listening, speaking and group work skills.
8. **NBSS Useful Web Resources and Sites for Literacy & Learning** (2009). This teacher resource gives an overview of websites suitable to use with students across a variety of curriculum areas, as well as sites where teachers can access resources for their subject area.
9. **NBSS Vocabulary Building: Writing with 'WOW' Words** (2009). This resource describes ways to expand students' use of vibrant or 'wow' words and presents activities for developing their writing skills. Also available from the NBSS is a powerpoint presentation on proofreading and editing that can be used with students, in conjunction with this resource.
10. **NBSS Strategies for Vocabulary Teaching** (2009). This resource outlines research-based strategies for vocabulary teaching as well as games and activities that can be used to develop subject specific vocabulary.
11. **NBSS Adolescent Literacy and Learning Information Sheets** (2009). This resource gives a brief overview of the 5 key areas in relation to Adolescent Literacy (i.e. comprehension, vocabulary, fluency, phonics and phonemic awareness) and effective practices for addressing the literacy needs of adolescent learners.
12. **NBSS Teacher as Researcher: Resource Pack for Literacy and Learning Research Projects** (2009). This teacher resource provides several research instruments that can be used as part of the *NBSS Teacher as Researcher Projects* that focus on the development of literacy and learning skills with students.
13. **NBSS Learning and Study Skills Toolkit** (2010). This resource provides over 30 strategies and templates that can be used to develop students' learning and study skills. The resource also contains a questionnaire that can help identify those strategies students may need to be taught to improve learning and study skills. Also available to use in conjunction with this resource, are 4 powerpoint presentations/workshops on study and learning skills for students.
14. **NBSS Strategies to Help Students Learn from Textbook Reading** (2010). This resource contains a variety of exercises on text features, questioning and summarising strategies that can help students read and learn from their textbooks. The exercises and skills outlined in this resource can also be introduced to 1st year students as part of an induction programme.