

Relate the Parts - Web

Thinksheet for Analyze—Whole to Parts

Do all five steps but choose how many parts you need to analyze for your purpose(s).

<p>Pick Apart the Problem: What is it you are trying to solve, trying to understand with this text?</p>	
<p>Find the Parts: 1. Find the important parts of this text for your purpose. (Write each part in a circle) 2. Select ONE of these crucial parts: a "piece" 3. What do you know about this piece? What more can you discover about it? What are its parts and their functions within this single part? (Write anything useful on the outer side to help you discover the essence of this piece.)</p>	
<p>Relate the "Piece" to other Parts: 1. Draw a line connecting this piece to another part. 2. Think how this piece relates to, connects with, or influences this other part. 3. Write that relationship on the line that connects them. 4. Think how the relationships among the parts would be different if this first "piece" were not true or had been left out? 5. Repeat this process connecting to another part. 6. Continue as long as your thinking is productive.</p>	
<p>Relate the "Piece" to the Whole: 1. Write the central message of the text in the center box. This is the "whole." 2. Draw a line from the first piece you analyze to the center. 3. How does this piece fit into the whole, alter it, or influence it? How is it important for the overall meaning? Write the relationship on the line connecting the two. 4. Repeat this step with other parts.</p>	
<p>Create Your Interpretation: What is your solution to the problem, your new understandings, or insights for which you analyzed this text?</p>	

Record *Relate the Parts* on the AFTER line of your reading log. In the right-hand column, reflect how this strategy played a role in your constructing meaning from this text.