



Summarizing

Activity: Artistic Summary

Purpose: To artistically and orally summarize a piece of literature.

1. Read a piece of text, and have students portray their text summaries through art projects such as creating a collage, timeline, mobile, poster, or cartoon strip. Suggested teacher prompts:
 - What words from the story jump out at you to help make an artistic representation?
 - What was the focus of the reading selection?
 - Think of all the parts in the story and put them together as if you were going to tell another person about the story.
 - What details are most and least significant?
 - How can you use key ideas to condense the information in this story?
 - Which words helped you get the gist of the story?
 - What is important and essential to the text?
 - Tell me about some of the important ideas that struck you.
2. Have students present their artistic interpretations, along with an oral presentation, to the class.

*Source: Ellery, V. (2005). *Creating strategic readers*. Newark, Delaware: International Reading Association.

