Using Strategies Together

Activity: I’ve Got Something to Say!

Purpose: To provide structure for students to use multiple reading strategies to discuss ideas and information presented in a text.

1. Begin by having students read a designated text.

2. After reading, have the students complete an I’ve Got Something to Say! card.

3. In the first column, students write a quote, idea, phrase fact, etc. from the text that evokes a response. It can be something new, something that they can make a connection to, something that they disagree with, something that confirms previous ideas, something that created a picture in their mind, something that helps them to infer the author’s message, something that creates wonder, etc.

4. In the second column, students write their reaction to what they wrote in the first column.

5. Students gather in small groups to discuss their information.