Shape Your Thinking

Purpose: To activate prior knowledge, set a purpose for reading, and to promote concept development, reflective thinking, creativity, clarity of communication, and continuous cognitive development.

Materials: reading selection, graphic organizer template, pencils

Procedure:
- Students work independently.
- Students construct a circle map using prior knowledge about a specific topic.
  - In the star write the topic of study.
  - In the outer circle write any information that describes or characterizes the topic, or that you connect to the topic in any way.
  - In the top rectangle write questions for which you want to find answers while reading.
- During and after reading record answers to questions found in the reading.
- After reading, reflect on questions that were and were not answered, new questions that were formed, and new connections that were made.
- Share with a partner or a group if desired.
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Questions You Want to Answer

Connections

topic

Answers to Your Questions

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