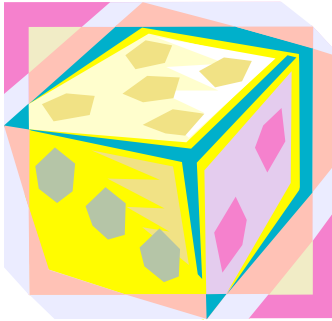


ROLL A RESPONSE

-Lori Jamison

Creating the response cube:



There are many places to purchase cubes to make oversized "dice," from the Teachers' Store to the Dollar Store. I like to make my own out of empty milk cartons! Take two one-quart milk cartons and cut them down to size so that the height of the side is equal to the width and depth and they look like a box. Tuck one of the boxes inside the other to form a cube. Wrap the whole cube in paper and add whatever labels you want to each of the six sides. When students work in pairs or small groups, they take turns rolling the "die" to see what kind of response they are expected to give.

For example:

Retelling

1. Tell about one of the characters.
2. Tell about the setting.
3. Tell about the problem in the story.
4. Tell one thing that happened in the story.
5. Tell how the story ends.

Strategies

1. What picture comes to your mind?
2. What connection do you make?
3. What question might you ask?
4. What other book does this remind you of?
5. What can you infer about this story?
6. What did you learn from this story?

Nonfiction

1. What was the main idea of the reading?
2. What was one thing you learned?
3. What was the most interesting detail?
4. What connection do you make to what you read?
5. What do you still wonder or want to know more about?
6. What was one thing you already knew about the topic?