

Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text.

Great White Bird

Read *Great White Bird* to students. When you are finished, have students summarize the story by remembering the order of events. You may want to ask the following questions:

- What happens first in the story?
- What happens next?
- How does the story end?

The Talking Lizard

Read *The Talking Lizard* to students. When you are finished, tell students that good readers think about the characters in the story and compare them to each other. You may want to ask the following questions:

- What do Mai-Li and the gecko have in common?
- How are they different?

Winter Snoozers

Read *Winter Snoozers* to students. When you are finished, tell students that good readers think about the characters in the story and compare them to each other. You may want to ask the following questions:

- What do the animals in the story have in common?
- How are they different?

The Courage to Learn

Read *The Courage to Learn* to students. When you are finished, have them compare their predictions to what really happened in the story. Also explain that good readers can better understand a story if they think about its parts and build a story map. You may want to ask them the following questions:

- What is the setting?
- Who are the characters?
- What is the problem?
- What is the solution?

The Bee's Secret

Read *The Bee's Secret* to students. When you are finished, have them compare their predictions to what really happened in the story. Also explain that good readers can better understand a story if they think about its parts and build a story map. You may want to ask them the following questions:

- What is the setting?
- Who are the characters?
- What is the problem?
- What is the solution?

Reaching Above

Read *Reaching Above* to students. When you are finished, have them compare their predictions to what really happened in the story. Also explain that good readers can better understand a story if they think about its parts and build a story map. You may want to ask them the following questions:

- What is the setting?
- Who are the characters?
- What is the problem?
- What is the solution?