



SOARING EAGLES

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TESTING STRATEGIES

Always read the questions first. This will help you to focus your attention and direct you to the parts of the reading passage that are most important for you to understand.

Make sure you understand exactly what each question is asking. **STOP** and take a moment to think about what you will need to look for in the reading passage. Sometimes it helps to put the question in your own words or circle key words in the passage.

Be aware that the answer to a question is often stated in words that are a little bit different from the exact words used in the reading passage. This is meant to test your comprehension, not just word recognition skills.



IMPORTANT

Practice Testing Dates

- March 18: Writing Practice Test
- March 19: Reading Practice Test
- March 20: Math Practice Test
- March 21: Science/Algebra 1 Practice Test

SC Ready Testing Dates

- May 9: Writing
- May 10: Reading
- May 15: Math
- May 17: Science
- May 21: Algebra 1 EOC & ELA Field Test

STUDY TIPS 101



Having good study skills are essential for academic success, effective time management, increased confidence, and preparation for the future.

GET ORGANIZED

Invest in a calendar, and use it to keep track of current assignment.

Bring all materials and a charged device each day. You may find it helpful to pack your bookbag the night before, so you're ready to go first thing in the morning.

TAKE NOTES

To keep your brain engaged during class, take notes, which you can refer to later.

Notes can help store information in your long-term memory, right there in class! Notes are important for reviewing when you're completing assignments and assessments.

ASK QUESTIONS

Your teacher is a resource who is there to be used!

You can take advantage of learning by asking questions during or after class, where you can get fast feedback.

DON'T JUST RE-READ, TRY...

- Creating concept maps and diagrams.
- Explaining concepts to yourself step-by-step.
- Creating questions and problems that you can come back to and solve.
- Becoming a 'teacher' to your peers and explain concepts to them.

CREATE A STUDY PLAN

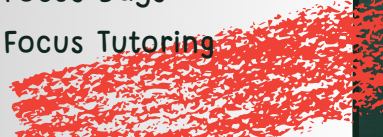
A study plan will:

- Motivate you to study, as you'll have time dedicated to learning.
- Keep you organized around hobbies and other commitments, as you can plan ahead.
- Break your study load into manageable blocks.
- Give you time to complete your assignments, ensuring they're not rushed or last-minute.

Check This Out! ✓

Intervention Opportunities

- ✓ Academic Enrichment
- ✓ Athletic Tutoring
- ✓ C.A.P.
- ✓ Content Tutoring
- ✓ CRP/21st Century After-School
- ✓ WINN
- ✓ Desmos Calculator Days
- ✓ Eagle Recovery
- ✓ Early Bird
- ✓ Focus Days
- ✓ Focus Tutoring



~Book In A Day Highlights~ Some Places More Than Others

by: Reneè Watson

On February 29, 2024 all students completed our annual Book In A Day event, finishing up the book *Some Places More Than Others* by Reneè Watson.

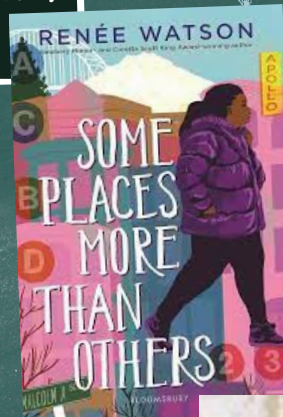
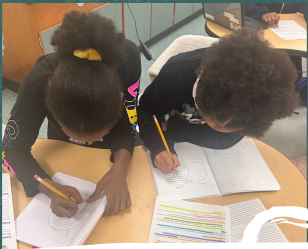
This is a powerful story about family, the places that make us who we are, and how we find ways to connect to our history across time and distance. Each student received a copy of the book for their personal library collection.

Spark a conversation and speak with your student about 2 of the activities they completed throughout the day! Also, ask them what was the BEST part of the book and why!

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Extra Credit
Opportunity!



 STRATEGY HIGHLIGHT

Philosophical Chairs



Philosophical Chairs is a structured form of academic discourse which relies on a prompt as the foundation for discussion and informed debate. It is a form of dialogue in which students develop a deeper understanding of a text or subject.



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