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Teaching Adolescents to Read & How to Teach Reading in Middle & High School

"What reading programs and/or strategies do you recommend for high school students who are reading at 3rd grade level?"

Reid Lyon Answers

You asked a critical question that is on the minds of many teachers and parents. Learning to read at age 6 or age 16 requires that students master all fundamental building blocks critical to reading comprehension.

Fluency

Students must be able to access print off the page accurately and rapidly so they do not get bogged down in the print and forget what they read (fluency) or get discouraged.

Vocabulary

We have to make sure that our older students (as well as our younger ones) **develop the necessary vocabulary** so they can relate what they read to what they know. You and I can read the words in Einstein's theory of relativity, but we may not understand the meanings of these words. Our kids must develop background knowledge and world knowledge when they try to negotiate content because so much information goes beyond just knowing what the words mean.

Comprehension

Finally, older students with reading difficulties sometimes focus on one aspect of the reading

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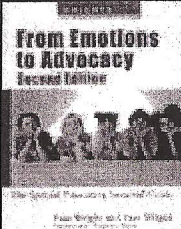
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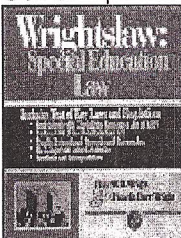


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