

A.C.T.I.V.E. Thinking Strategies

Suggested Picture Books

Alaskan-Themed Picture Books

Compiled by Dawn Gould (CITC)

A = Ask Questions

The Sleeping Lady retold by Ann Dixon
Question Marathon! Will the question actually make a difference in understanding?

C = Create Connections

Kumak's Fish by Michael Bania
Sticky notes for T-S, T-T, T-W, T-P, T-H

T = Track Down Important Information

Caribou Journey by Vivian French
What is important information vs. interesting information?

I = Infer

The Girl Who Swam with the Fish retold by Michelle Renner
Reading between the lines

V = Visualize

Aurora (A Tale of the Northern Lights) by Mindy Dwyer
Students in small groups, transparencies, and samples of text

E = Eureka! Synthesize

Dance on a Sealskin by Barbara Winslow
Jigsaw puzzle – the “aha” moment when it all fits together



Chris Van Allsburg Author Study

Compiled by Amy Goodman

A = Ask Questions

The Stranger by Chris Van Allsburg

C = Create Connections

The Sweetest Fig by Chris Van Allsburg

T = Track Down Important Information

Just a Dream by Chris Van Allsburg

I = Infer

The Wretched Stone by Chris Van Allsburg

V = Visualize

The Wreck of the Zephyr by Chris Van Allsburg

E = Eureka! Synthesize

Two Bad Ants by Chris Van Allsburg

