

SYNTHESIS

Crafting Session Tips:

(Zimmerman, Susan and Chryse Hutchins, *7 Keys to Comprehension*. New York: Three Rivers Press, 2003.)

- ❑ Summarize important information and then add your thinking as you synthesize to formulate new meaning.
- ❑ Synthesize as you use the 7 Keys. Take in the essential facts and ask, “What does it all mean to me?”

Suggested Rubric:

(Harvey, Stephanie and Anne Goudvis, *The Comprehension Toolkit*. Portsmouth: FirstHand Heinemann, 2005.)

Oral and/or Written Evidence	Strong Evidence 3	Some Evidence 2	Little Evidence 1
Pulls out information that relates to key ideas and paraphrases it briefly and accurately			
Merges thinking (questions, connections, inferences) to surface key ideas and gets the gist			
Distinguishes between the gist and the reader’s personal response to the information			
Synthesizes big ideas and issues from a collection of facts			
Understands the difference between facts and opinions and revises thinking in light of new evidence			
Creates a summary response that merges accurate text information with the reader’s written response			