### The Hochman Method

#### Benefits of the Strategies

**Fragment Activities:**
- help students understand concept of a complete sentence and discern sentence boundaries
- help students understand the meanings of subjects, predicates and prepositional phrases
- encourage careful reading

**Sentence-Type Activities:**
- enable students to vary sentence structure
- provide one way to develop and improve concluding sentences
- encourage students to formulate questions

**Conjunction Activities:**
- promote extended responses
- encourage analytical and deeper thinking about text
- foster close reading
- provide practice using new vocabulary words
- develop ability to craft linguistically complex sentences using written rather than oral language conventions
- enhance reading comprehension by familiarizing students with more complex syntax and sentence structure

#### Developing questions:
- encourages students to think about the important features in text
- encourages careful reading and analytical thinking
- helps students to focus on the key elements
- provides practice in understanding and using expository terms
- helps students anticipate what questions they may be asked

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The Hochman Method strategies are used to check students’ comprehension and deepen their understanding of the content they are learning.

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These lists are not exhaustive; there are several additional strategies and associated benefits.

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<td>enables students to anticipate what a reader needs to know and to provide that information</td>
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<td>enables students to vary sentence structure</td>
<td>teaches note-taking strategies (key words, symbols, abbreviations)</td>
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<td>allows students to include more information and adds complexity</td>
<td>enables students to craft written language structures</td>
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<td>improves reading comprehension</td>
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<td>enables students to visualize beginning, middle, and end of a paragraph or composition</td>
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<td>allows students to see various options for crafting complex sentences</td>
<td>helps them distinguish between essential and non-essential material</td>
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<td>exposes students to varied writing structures</td>
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Benefits of the Strategies

**Summarizing:**
- boosts reading comprehension
- generates concise and accurate responses to questions
- maintains focus on the main idea and supporting details
- helps students learn to paraphrase
- enables students to synthesize information from multiple sources
- allows students to analyze information
- develops the ability to make generalizations
- helps students recall the material they’re learning
- provides a comprehension check

**Creating Multiple Paragraph Outlines**
- develops organizational skills
- categorizes information
- produces and sequences expository, narrative and argumentative text structures
- supports adherence to a particular topic, purpose and point of view
- avoids repetition and irrelevant information
- crafts cogent introductions and conclusions
- helps students take notes efficiently
- transitions between ideas and paragraphs

**Using transitions:**
- shows the relationship between ideas
- provides connections between sentences, paragraphs and sections
- provides cues for the reader about how to react, think about the writing or process the information presented
- helps the reader see the relationships between the main idea and the support presented for it
- provides additional information to a reader
- signals examples of textual evidence

**Writing argumentative essays:**
- develops analytical and logical thinking skills
- distinguishes reliable sources from unreliable ones, especially online
- improves organizational skills
- cites textual evidence effectively
- assesses the difference between good and weak arguments

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