



## Summarizing

### Activity: Artistic Summary

**Purpose:** To artistically and orally summarize a piece of literature.

1. Read a piece of text, and have students portray their text summaries through art projects such as creating a collage, timeline, mobile, poster, or cartoon strip. Suggested teacher prompts:
  - What words from the story jump out at you to help make an artistic representation?
  - What was the focus of the reading selection?
  - Think of all the parts in the story and put them together as if you were going to tell another person about the story.
  - What details are most and least significant?
  - How can you use key ideas to condense the information in this story?
  - Which words helped you get the gist of the story?
  - What is important and essential to the text?
  - Tell me about some of the important ideas that struck you.
2. Have students present their artistic interpretations, along with an oral presentation, to the class.

\*Source: Ellery, V. (2005). *Creating strategic readers*. Newark, Delaware: International Reading Association.

