DePaul Center for Urban Education

Assess Reading Comprehension

The following activities can be used to assess student progress in reading. Teachers would insert specific topics or questions to complete these assessments.

COMPREHENSION: MAIN IDEA Identify the main idea. Explain how you figured it out.	COMPREHENSION: COMPARE/CONTRAST CHARACTERS Use a Venn diagram to compare and contrast two characters in the story.
 ✓ Appropriate big idea that represents what the text is about. ✓ Clear explanation of how it was identified. COMPREHENSION STRATEGY Develop a Mental Image Draw a picture that shows what you read. 	 ✓ Provide information about each character. ✓ Identify at least one way they are alike. READING STRATEGIES Write directions for this strategy: (Teacher fills in blank with a reading strategy.)
✓ Make your picture so clear that another student can tell what you read.	✓ Make your directions so clear that another student could follow them and do a good job.
COMPREHENSION: SEQUENCE Make a time-line showing the events in the story or history.	COMPREHENSION SKILLS Literal, Analytic, Inferential, Evaluative Choose the correct answer and give a reason for your choice. (Teacher provides multiple choice questions)
✓ Include important events.✓ Put them in correct order.	✓ Give a logical reason for your choice.

