

## Core Skills Analysis

### Reading

- Engagement with self-selected books promotes intrinsic motivation and personal interest in reading.
- Practice with free reading allows for gradual improvement in decoding skills and fluency.
- Exposure to various texts contributes to enhanced vocabulary and background knowledge.
- Comprehension skills are practiced by interacting with content that matches the student's individual reading level and interests.

### Comprehension

- Reading diverse texts encourages the development of inferential and literal understanding.
- The activity supports the ability to identify main ideas, themes, and details in a text.
- Students can practice connecting text to personal experiences or prior knowledge for deeper understanding.
- Reflection on self-chosen readings fosters critical thinking and summarization skills.

### Tips

To deepen the student's reading and comprehension skills, encourage them to maintain a reading journal where they can summarize each book or chapter, note new vocabulary, and ask questions about what they've read. Pairing free reading with oral discussions helps reinforce understanding and builds expressive language skills; consider creating a family book club or sharing insights with peers. Incorporate creative projects related to the books, such as drawing a scene, writing a new ending, or role-playing characters to make comprehension active and personal. Additionally, encourage setting reading goals and tracking progress to foster a sense of achievement and responsibility over their own learning.

### Book Recommendations

- [The Magic Tree House](#) by Mary Pope Osborne: A series of engaging chapter books that hook reluctant readers with adventure and history.
- [Charlotte's Web](#) by E.B. White: A classic story that encourages empathy and introduces themes of friendship and life cycles.
- [Ivy + Bean](#) by Annie Barrows: Books about two friends and their misadventures, perfect for developing imagination and narrative skills.

### Learning Standards

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.10 - Actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.2 - Retell stories, including key details, and demonstrate understanding of their central message.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.2.4 - Describe how words and phrases supply rhythm and meaning in a story.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.3.1 - Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text.

### Try This Next

- Create a reading response worksheet with sections for summary, favorite character, new words learned, and questions.
- Design a quiz with multiple choice and short answer questions based on the student's free reading selections.