

The Golden Line

What

This strategy engages readers to look for a specific point that “speaks” to them. "Golden Lines" are powerful quotes that automatically provide interesting discussion material.

Why

Many students find it much easier to select something the author said than to come up with their own reactions. Therefore, Golden Lines are an easy and effective strategy for students to determine important ideas, make connections, and visualize during reading.

How

1. **Think:** Have students read an article and choose a golden line – quotations or key statements that have special meaning or strike them as important.
2. **Pair:** With a partner, students share their golden lines and discuss their thoughts.
3. **Share:** Have students share ideas among table members and share out a few ideas within the room. (Optional: Group students in the room that selected the same/similar passages and have them summarize the passage into 10 words or less)

Adaptation: Give students the template and have them identify connections and nonlinguistic representations for each of their golden lines.

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Golden Lines	Connections	Nonlinguistic Representation

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