Using the Six Hats to Respond to Literature

Blue Hat controls which hat goes on and off. Blue Hat tells us when to switch hats and indicates what type of thinking is needed



White Hat: Information and facts about the book

- Title
- Author and Illustrator
- Awards that the book may have won (CBC Picture Book, Bilby Award)
- Plot- what happened, story map, Top Level Structure,
- Characters- names, what they look like
- Setting

Red Hat: Discussing feelings, likes and dislikes

- How did the book make you feel?
- How did you feel when the character did...?
- How did the ending make you feel?
- Did you like the story, illustrations, characters etc?

Yellow Hat: Benefits, good points and advantages

- What was the advantage of solving the problem that way?
- What are the advantages of...?
- What are all the good points about...the character, the setting, the ending etc?

Black Hat: Disadvantages, dangers and problems

- What are the dangers involved in visiting ... (the setting of the book)?
- What are the disadvantages in trying to solve problems that way?
- When _____ did _____, what problems did they encounter?

Green Hat: New ideas, creating, adapting, innovating

- Lets write a new ending
- Write an acrostic about the main character
- Draw new illustrations for the story
- Think of a different way to solve the problem
- Write an innovation on the story