Enhancing Understanding of Novels for ELLs

Sheltered English Immersion Strategies help English Language Learners comprehend themes and motifs contained in novels.

**Sheltered English Immersion Strategies feature:**

- Partner Reading
- Think Alouds
- Parsed Text

Using a parsed section of text combined with a Partner Reading or Think Aloud strategy helps English Language Learners with various English proficiency levels to better explain themes and motifs within novels.

**Parsed Text**

A text is parsed to address essential elements of a novel that include major themes and plot points.

**Example:** One page within a chapter of *The Kite Runner* was distributed to students as a source text. Parsing the text allows students to go deeper, not wider within a text. Text was parsed by selecting small portions of the novel that contained pertinent information about themes and motifs.

**Partner Reading**

Students digest a parsed section of a novel in a group, by reading and summarizing.

**Sentence Frames**

Students demonstrate their understanding of theme and plot by completing a written assignment, following Partner Reading.

**Example:**

"Amir and Hassan's relationship reveals ___________ which is a theme within the book."

"I feel that Amir ___________ a good friend to Hassan because he ________________"