



Jigsaw

Jigsaw is a reading strategy that has multiple applications in the classroom. The student (or students) is given a small portion of a reading assignment (one section, one chapter, one paragraph) to read. He/she is responsible to glean the major facts from this portion and present those facts to the entire classroom or his/her team. As students discuss their portion, the teacher or teammates help them see how each part fits into the whole picture.

A jigsaw puzzle prepared in advance may add a visual part to this strategy. Each student (or students) is given a puzzle piece with his/her reading assignment of the back. The student must then, in words or pictures, record the major facts of that section on the puzzle piece and then present the information and place his/her piece in the proper place.

A graphic organizer showing each section should be given so students may record the important facts that each group or team member presents. The graphic organizer can be used later for discussion, reflection, and review.

