

Name: Elementary Example

Chapter or Book title: The Man Who Walked Between The Towers



Reciprocal Teaching Worksheet



Prediction: Before you begin to read the selection, look at the title or cover, scan the pages to read the major headings, and look at any illustrations. Write down your prediction(s).

Prediction: The story will be about a person who walks on a high wire. I think he will get into trouble for walking between two tall towers.

Support: The cover shows a picture of a city below a rope that someone is standing on. I remember seeing the high wire act at the circus. Towards the end of the book is a picture of a judge.

Main Ideas: As you finish reading each paragraph or key section of text, identify the main idea of that paragraph or section.

Questions: For each main idea listed, write down at least one question.

Main Idea 1: Philippe loved to walk on a tight rope.

Question 1: Would you walk on a high wire? Why or why not?

Main Idea 2: He walked between the steeples of Notre Dame Cathedral.

Question 2: Do you think Philippe got into trouble for walking between the steeples at Notre Dame Cathedral? Why or why not?

Main Idea 3: Philippe wanted to walk between the two World Trade Center towers.

Question 3: Why would walking between the two towers be dangerous?

Main Idea 4: He knew they would tell him no. He and his friends came up with a plan.

Question 4: What did Philippe and his friends do?

Main Idea 5: One morning Philippe walked between the two towers.

Question 5: What happened to Philippe?

Summarize: Write a brief summary of what you read.

Philippe loved to walk and dance on the high wire. He even walked between the two steeples of Notre Dame Cathedral. Philippe settled in New York City during the time when the World Trade Center towers were being built. He wanted to walk between these two towers. He and his friends devised a plan. They were able to get into the towers by disguising themselves as construction workers. Philippe and one friend went up one tower while two of his other friends went to the top of the other tower. During the night they set up a high wire between the two towers. The next morning Philippe spent two hours dancing and walking on the between the two towers. He ignored policemen who begged him to get down. When he had had enough, he climbed down and was arrested. The judge sentenced him to performing in the park for the children of the city.

Clarify: Copy down words, phrases, or sentences in the passage that are unclear. Then explain how you clarified your understanding.

Word or Phrase:

1. Philippe
2. construction

Clarify:

1. I asked a friend to pronounce the name for me.
2. I broke the word down into parts. con struct ion