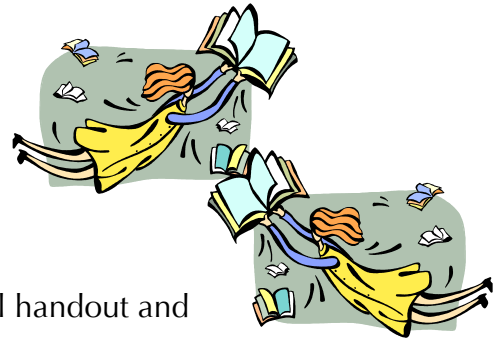


# Expanding Reading Strategies and Cross-Cultural Awareness with Paired Reading

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## STEPS IN A PAIRED READING ACTIVITY

Students...

- ❖ complete pre-reading and vocabulary activities.
- ❖ preview two complementary texts (A or B) and choose one.
- ❖ read texts independently and silently with the purpose of learning and sharing new information
- ❖ pair up according to their texts: A-A, B-B.
- ❖ use focus questions to verify their own and their partner's understanding of the text.
- ❖ form groups of four (A-A-B-B) and present their text's information to each other using the focus questions as a guide.
- ❖ use personal experience, background knowledge, and the information from the texts as the basis of a whole class or group discussion of follow-up questions dealing with cross-cultural issues and critical literacy.

## TYPES OF ARTICLES FOR *READ AND SHARE* LESSONS & SAMPLE RESOURCES

- Op Ed pieces (Pro/Con) <http://www.dailyoped.com/> (Search OP Ed articles from US and International Papers)
- Articles on Cross-cultural interactions and issues (E.g. One article about a culture's approach to a theme, the other article about a different culture's approach to the same theme, or use two different themes and different cultures' approaches to each.)  
<http://www.culturecoach.biz/Resources/crossculturalarticles.html>
- Different sides of social issues (list of issues at first link, sample short readings at second link)  
<http://catdir.loc.gov/catdir/toc/ecip0516/2005018778.html> or <http://www.marieclaire.com/celebrity-lifestyle/social-issues-2013#slide-1>
- He says/She says articles:  
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