

R.A.N. Folder

Purpose: to promote individual use of the R.A.N. strategy

- Model how to use the R.A.N. Folder in whole-group lessons and provide students with the opportunity to practise using the folder in small-group sessions.
- Create R.A.N. Folders for each student. They can be used throughout independent inquiry or when students are reading non-fiction texts.

How to Create Folders:

Materials: 1 red file folder, 1 blue file folder, R.A.N. Folder labels

Steps:

1. Lay out the red file folder.
2. Place the blue folder over top of the right hand side of the red folder.
3. Glue the folders together.
4. Glue the R.A.N. Chart labels as follows:

Inside:

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| What I Think I Know (red) | What I Know is True (blue) | New Facts (blue) |
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Outside:

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| R.A.N. Chart (red) | Wonderings (red) | I Don't Think this Anymore (blue) |
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5. Laminate the folders so they are durable and useable over time. Students can store their R.A.N. Folder in one of the pockets of their Inquiry Folder.