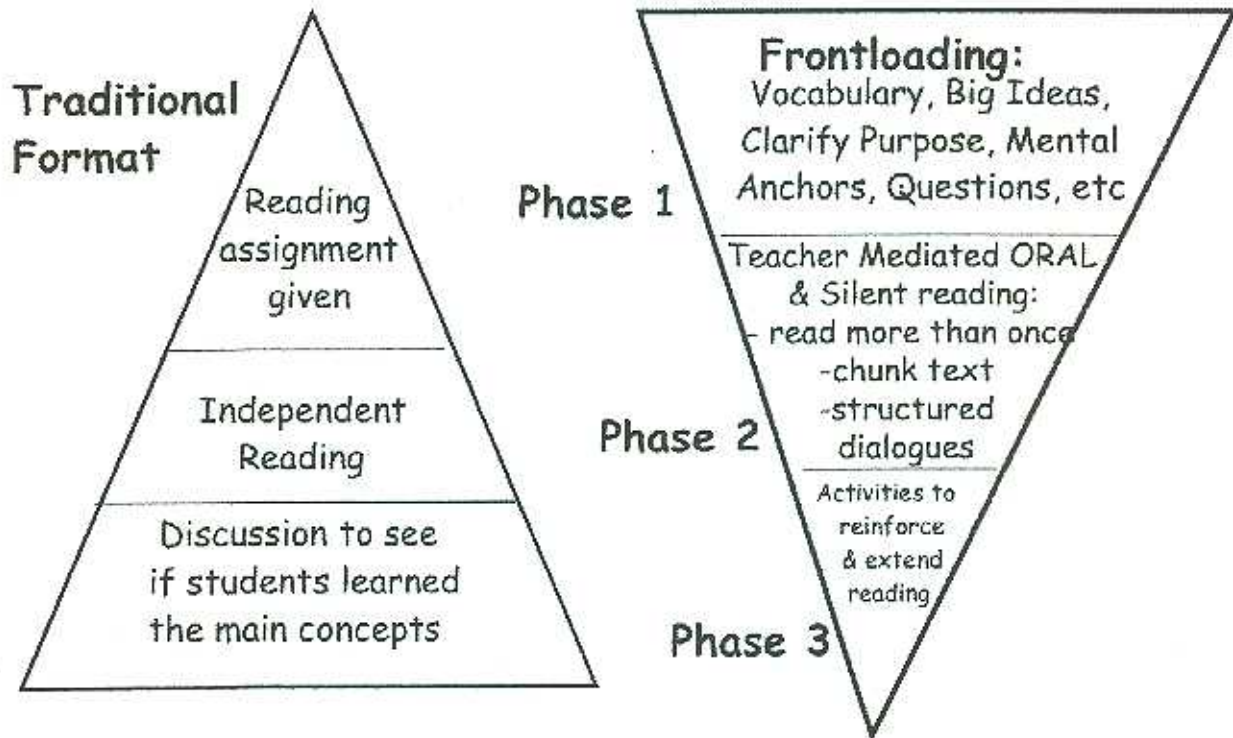


FRONT-LOADING INSTRUCTION: Keys to Comprehending Challenging Curricula



Features of Instructional Front-Loading to Prepare Students for Challenging Reading Curricula:

- ✓ **Expanding prior knowledge:**
Provide opportunities for students to build upon and expand their relevant prior knowledge and experiences.
- ✓ **Introducing essential lesson terms and high-utility academic vocabulary:**
Introduce focal lesson concepts and essential academic vocabulary through explicit, planned instruction and meaningful, contextualized activities.
- ✓ **Clarifying the text structure and key features:**
Familiarize students with the overall text structure and distinguishing features through pre-reading activities.
- ✓ **Establishing a reading purpose:**
Guide students in establishing a viable reading purpose: exactly what they need to learn from this material and the reasons why.