**Examples of Comprehension Strategies:**

I will be using the novel “*A Boy Called Bat*” to demonstrate the 3 following strategies. (Log into Epic if you want to follow along). Remember you can do these strategies after finishing your book, after reading one chapter or several chapters.

**Choose 1 of the 3 following strategies:**

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| **BME**  **Track the Characters Feelings** | **Character – Trait – Evidence** | **STP** |
| How did the character feel at the beginning, middle, and the end?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Beginning** | **Middle** | **End** |   Example: The Character felt \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_\_ | What trait describes the character? What is your evidence?   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Character | Trait | Evidence | |  |  |  |   The character is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the story  she (or he) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **Stop** – Stop reading, cover the text  **Think** – What did I read?  **Paraphrase** – Put in your own words |

**Strategy # 1 – BME (write 3 paragraphs)**

**Example**

**Chapter 2:**

In the **beginning**, Bat felt content because he was in his favorite place, his bedroom. He liked going somewhere where he knew everything was and if was out of place it was his own fault!

In the **middle**, Bat felt frustrated and upset because his mother went into his room on time and tried to reorganize his dresser drawers. To Bat, his drawers were not disorganized, rather he organized them according to the weather. His caps, long pants and sweaters were in one drawer because that is what he wore on cold days.

In the **end**, Bat felt satisfied because like his mother, he wanted to be a veterinarian too. In his room, he sat down on his comfy beanbag chair, looking through his animal dictionary. This is something he really like to do.

**Strategy #2 – Character- Trait – Evidence (Write one paragraph)**

**Example**

**Chapter 3&4**

Note: Character traits tell us specific qualities (good or bad) about a person (ie. Generous, loyal, loving, cooperative, unkind, selfish)

I am starting to see that Bat is very intelligent. As mom brings home a mysterious box, he begins guessing what type of baby it might be. He mentions a puppy, kitten, a hoglet and finally identifies it as a “kit”, which is a baby skunk.

**Strategy #3 – STP (This can be done orally)**

Choose a page from your book, read it, cover it with your hand and in your own words retell the important parts of what you read. Try doing this more than once.