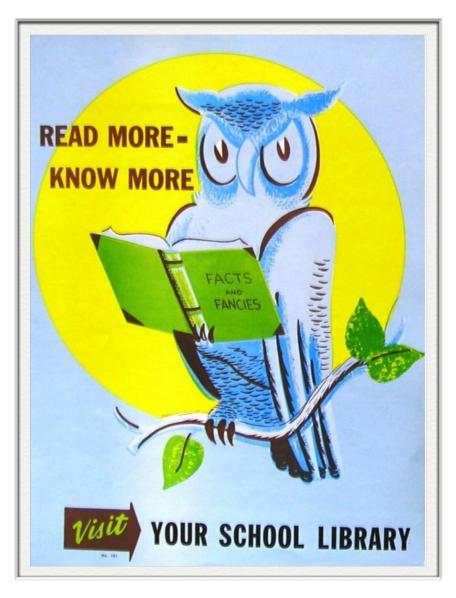
3 Minute Drill for Big, Easy Reading

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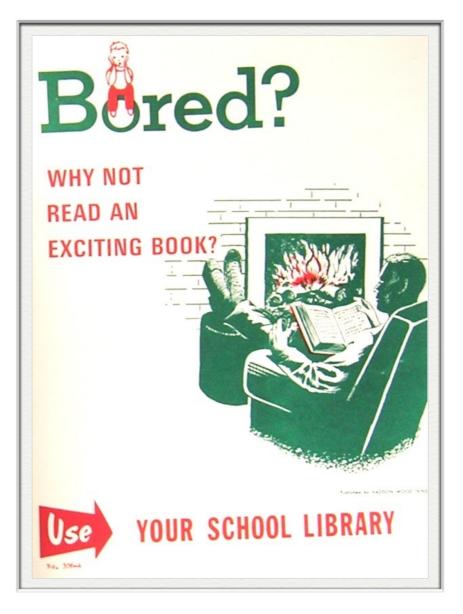
Big, Easy Reading

- Big, easy reading works.
- Improve all language skills.
- Grow cross-culturally.
- Get smarter.
- Flow experience.



Bad News

- Students tend to read hard.
- They may not read enough.
- Does it become a lifestyle?



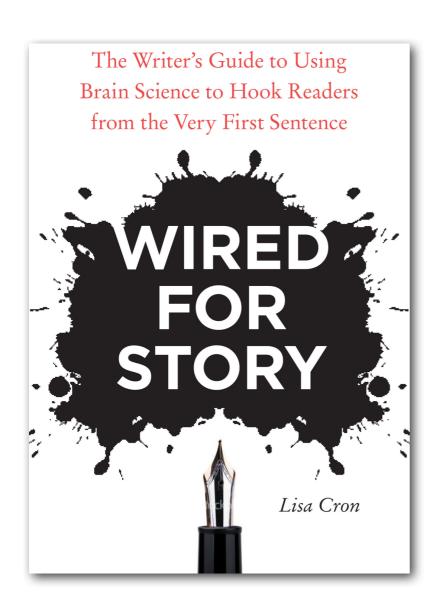
The Question

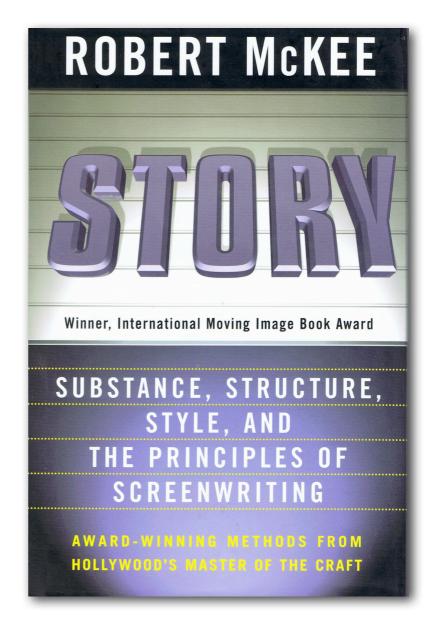
How can we help students to read more?

Some Answers

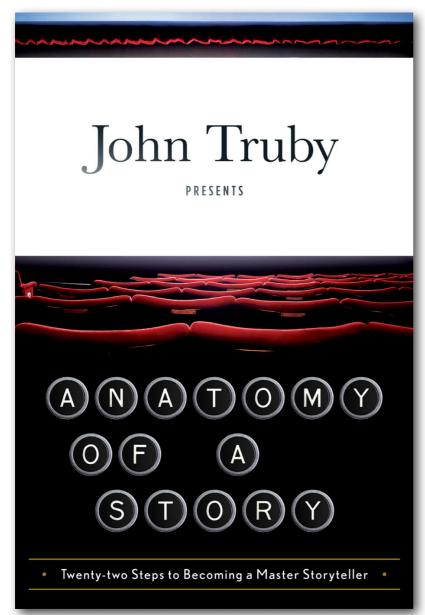
- Require.
 - Pressure.
 - Inspire.
 - Teach story grammar.

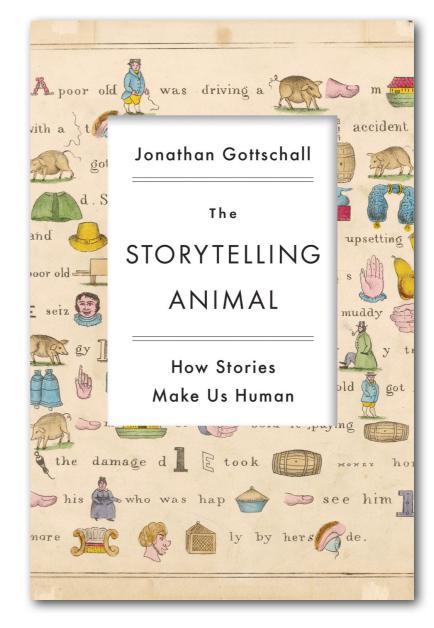
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- Story Grammar
 - Character + Predicament + Attempted Extrication.
 - The Storytelling Animal by Jonathan Gottschall

The 3-Minute Drill

- Besides, pressuring, requiring, inspiring, and teaching story grammar, you can try the 3-minute drill.
 - The idea: "Starting is half the job."
 - Read for at least 3 minutes per day.
 - Trick or kickstart yourself into reading more.
 - Try to start a "flow" experience.

Background & Method

- 68 Intermediate University students.
 - 3 classes.
 - ER is 30% of their grade (word counts).
 - Spring term, no 3-minute drill.
 - Fall term, 3-minute drill from 12/6-1/17.

#	Date	Time	#	Date	Time	
1	12/6			1/1		Name:
2	12/7		26	1/2		Pig roading is a great way to
3	12/8		27	1/3		Big reading is a great way to improve all your language skills.
4	12/9		28	1/4		
5	12/10		29	1/5		Ready easy (95%). Enjoy, enjoy, enjoy! Read a lot! GOAL: GET A READING HABIT Carry this paper in your book. Read at least 3 minutes daily. Write your total for each
6	12/11		30	1/6		
7	12/12		31	1/7		
8	12/13		32	1/8		
9	12/14		33	1/9		
10	12/15		34	1/10		
11	12/16		35	1/11		
12	12/17		36	1/12		
13	12/18		37	1/13		date. Write "0" for no time. Write "3" for 3 minutes. Write
14	12/19		38	1/14		"33" for 33 minutes. 4. Write your total for each
15	12/20		39	1/15		
16	12/21		40	1/16		month. Write your grand totals for days and minutes.
17	12/22			1/17		5. Turn this in to your teacher by
18	12/23					1/17/2013.
19	12/24					3 Minutes a Day Points
20	12/25					40 Days = 10 points
21	12/26					35-39 Days = 9 points
22	12/27					30-34 Days = 8 points 25-29 Days = 7 points
23	12/28					20-24 Days = 6 points
24	12/29					
25	12/30					Deale 6 D. O.
	12/31					Books & BeeOasis
						Stories are Doth UK!
						Due Date Jan 17, 2013
						Grand Total Grand Total
Dec Total		Jan Total				Minutes: Days:

Instructions

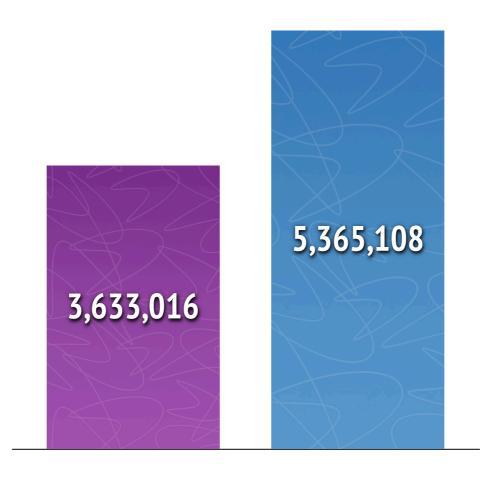
- Carry the 3-Minute Drill form.
 - Read at least 3 minutes daily.
 - Write your total for each date.
 - Write your totals.
 - Turn in by DATE.

Points

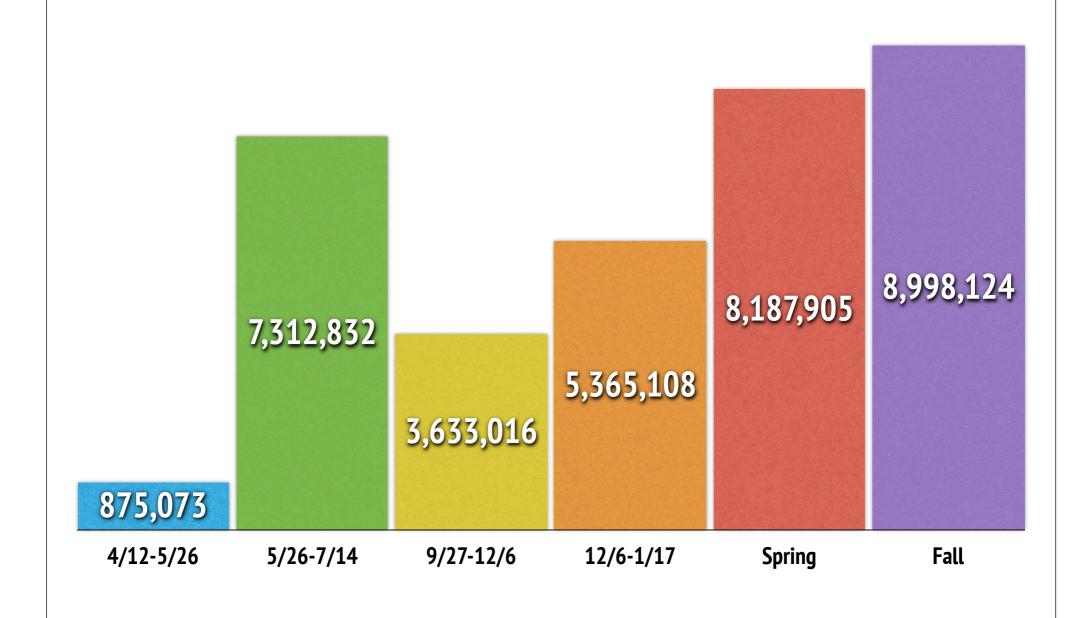
- 3 Minutes a Day Points
 - 40 Days = 10 points
 - 35-39 Days = 9 points
 - 30-34 Days = 8 points
 - 25-29 Days = 7 points
 - 20-24 Days = 6 points

No Drill Then Drill

9/27-12/6 12/6-1/17



No Drill Then Drill?



Interpretations

- Students improved on their own.
 - 3-minute did not affect reading.
- Students exaggerated word counts.
 - They cheated for the grade.
- Students read more because...
 - The 3-minute catalyzed their reading.

Future Research

- Does it really work? How can we know?
 - Cross-check with questionnaires and interviews.
 - Vary the length of the drill.
 - Split the classes into groups (+ & drills).
 - Correlate word counts with individual drill data.
 - Do it for a short period in the middle of the term.
 - Do it at the start to catalyze reading sooner.

Thank you!

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