Logical Connections

A logical connection is when we make a connection between two things (or ideas) based on similarities, parallel ideas, or commonalities.

Example:

Deforestation negatively impacts the habitats of animals living in forests. Bears and wolves both live in forests. Therefore, the habitats of both bears and wolves are negatively impacted by deforestation.

There is a logical connection between bears and wolves on the issue of deforestation. Therefore, we might read an article about bears and deforestation and make logical connections to how wolves are similarly affected by deforestation.

Today

When reading texts of different genres; it is often the main idea of one text that we can make a logical connection with the main idea of another text, even if they are different genres!. Making logical connections between two texts is what we will learn today.

3 minutes
Identify the logical connection between the following brief articles.

4 minutes

Tom Hamilton liked his Aunt Prudence. She taught at the university. Her name was Dr. Prudence Hamilton. When she came to Tom's father's farm in the Cowichan Valley on Vancouver Island, which is part of the province of British Columbia, she always brought presents. Tom liked her.

He didn't like her constant companion, Genevieve Trueheart, a dog.

Tom Hamilton was fond of other dogs. He had a dog, a bull terrier called Rusty, a fighter right from the word go. Rusty kept the pheasants out of the garden and young grain. He worked for a living. Tom couldn't like Genevieve Trueheart. She was good for nothing. She never even looked like a dog. She was a great big soft wheezing lazy whagging monster, a great big useless lump.

Cats have a long and interesting history. In fact, the cat was probably the first animal kept as a pet. The Egyptians worshiped cats. In Europe cats were praised for their ability to catch rats and mice. They were much in demand during the Black Plague illnesses of the 11th century.

In the Middle Ages, cats lost much of their appeal because they became connected with devil worship. Many cats lost their lives and gave rise to superstitions still held by some people today.

The American Indian did not appear to keep cats as pets, so it wasn't until the white settlers came from Europe that cats were kept as pets in America. The Colonists, like the Europeans, found cats helpful in controlling rats and mice.
With a partner think of two movies that you think have a logical connection.

1. Summarize each story.
2. Identify the logical connection between both movies.
3. Write a paragraph identifying the logical connection and give three supporting pieces of evidence from the movie that support your claim.

20 minutes
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After reading your two texts, write a proficient paragraph on the logical connection between your texts. (15 minutes)

Red Dragons: Paired Reading "The Big Hike" and "How to Have and Adventure"

Green Dragons: Paired Reading "World's Greatest Robot" and "Streetcar!"

Blue Dragons: Paired Reading "Matter is Everywhere!" and "Adventure on a Hot Air Balloon"

Black Dragons: Paired Reading "The Origins of the Internet" and "A Bad Robot"
Station 1 Reading

LO: Synthesize and make logical connections between ideas within a text and across two or three texts representing similar or different genres.

1. Take notes in your journal. – Logical Connections (3 minutes)
2. Practice – Identify the Logical Connection
3. Practice 2 – Movies
4. DOL

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