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KAT Q&A

During our most recent First Thursday, we received some great questions. Here are our replies! (Click [HERE](#) for the video)

How do I connect the KAT Framework to writing, especially with an extended constructed response (ECR)?

The task of writing an ECR first requires students to comprehend what they have read. If they have NOT comprehended, they will NOT be successful. The **main idea** of the text serves as an anchor for their responses. Actively **model** how students can **leverage** their main ideas to begin the writing task—the writing task might connect directly to the entire main idea, or it might need to be anchored in part of the ECR. Either way, without first comprehending the text, students are likely to get lost.

How do I incorporate my current curriculum with KAT?

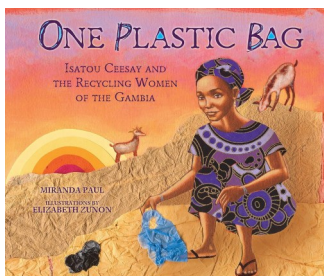
The **KAT Framework** is just that—a framework for teaching comprehension effectively. It is not a curriculum, and therefore, can overlay any of your existing resources. By utilizing the **main idea** and text structure thinking with everything you do, students will learn to rely on this approach when they encounter texts as well. However, please ensure your resources **do not contradict** the KAT Framework. It confuses students to teach them to write a main idea based on the text structure approach and then to turn around and tell them to use another method.

ACE Literacy Project

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