Study Guide  
  
Fiction-short story  
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**Short Story - 6A**Reading comprehension is the ability to read a story, understand story details, make connections among story details, and construct meaning.

It may be helpful to discuss the student's reading assignments with him or her. Ask questions regarding the content and characters. He or she may be having difficulty retaining information read in a story.   
  
An alternative is to work with the student to create art projects which bring characters to life. You will need the following materials:  
  
1. Art paper (8"x16" sheets in white or cream)  
2. Crayons  
3. Felt tip markers  
4. Magic markers  
5. Colored pencils  
6. Regular pencils or paint and paint brushes  
7. Blank paper

During or after reading together, ask the student about the characters in the story. What words would you use to describe the characters? What do the characters look like? List the characters with their descriptions on the sheet of blank paper.  
  
Using the white or cream colored drawing paper, help the student fold the paper in half, then fourths. Next, have the student draw a picture of a character from their story or book. Underneath the picture, ask the student to write a descriptive word, sentence, or paragraph about the character. Remind the student of the descriptions already listed.  
  
In the next space, the student should draw another character from the story and add specific descriptions as well. Continue filling the squares with characters from the story. When the art project is complete, the student will have a character book.