**HOW TO CHOOSE A BOOK:**

**engaged readers apply several strategies to select a book for independent reading**

(based on the findings of a middle school teacher’s classroom research)

***Initial Inquiry: zeroing in on a book***

**Criteria:** \*Author \* Series \*Genre

**Recommendations:**  \*Friend/teacher recommends book

\*Seen the movie \*Book Talk or Read Aloud

***Tasting the Text: can I digest it?***

**Preview:** \*Title \*Illustrations \*Cover \*Chapter Titles

\*Size of print/amount on page \*Number of pages

\*Format or layout of page design

**Reading**: \*Back cover \*Inside flap \*First paragraph

\*First full page \*5 Finger Frustration Test

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