



Talking
Points

For
Teachers

Teacher Talk Before Students Read a Chunk of Text

- With third graders reading *Schools of Long Ago*: “You’re going to read the first three pages by yourself to find out the kinds of schools of long ago. Remember: keep track of words about which you weren’t sure and are important to understanding.”
- With middle graders about to read a portion of *Black Ships before Troy*: “Greeks turn to *cunning* to win the war. Read to identify evidence in the text that demonstrates what the Greeks meant by *cunning*.”