

# The Classic Reader

A classic reader is one to whom the reading process comes easily and who finds reading to be a pleasurable activity. Some children struggle with the acquisition of reading skills while the classic reader learns rather quickly. Many educators and parents frequently ponder why this is the case. Although it is not completely understood, there are similar characteristics that exist in almost all classic readers.

Attention to the characteristics of the classic reader is important. If we can construct learning experiences that teach to those common characteristics, we may be able to assist the struggling reader more effectively. By duplicating what works for the successful reader, we are setting the stage for success with our struggling readers. Read on for the most common characteristics of classic readers.

**C**onfidence in self as a learner

**L**oves to read

**A**bility to use strategies interchangeably

**S**ees literacy models in his environment

**S**olid alphabetic foundation

**I**s a frequent library visitor

**C**omprehends from constantly asking questions and seeking knowledge

Reading House games and activities were developed in order to duplicate successful reading practices. Use these characteristics as a list of goals for your learner. Try some of the Reading House games as stepping-stones toward accomplishing reading goals. Your learner will begin to feel more confident about his reading as he experiences success, one characteristic at a time!