

Some Ideas for Creating a Literary Community in your Classroom (in no particular order, except for #1)

1. BE ENTHUSIASTIC! IT'S CATCHING! Choose GREAT books that you LOVE!
 - Use Reader-Response approach. (Louise Rosenblatt/Judith Langer)
 - Small group discussion & prep. followed by whole class discussion and presentations. This allows for individual preparation before students are expected to speak in front of the whole class.
 - Found poems. ([See Resources Link 2](#))
 - Oral book reports (30 sec's - 1 minute max!)
 - Literature circles (like book clubs!).
 - Creative writing & read-alouds ("authors' chair")
 - Students post cards with annotated bibliographical info on favourite supplementary books. (Create a "book wall")
 - LOTS of oral reading: teacher class
 around the class
 pairs
 groups
 - Readers' Theatre
 - Jigsaws
 - Literary Term posters
 - Favourite picture books/poems/stories from childhood
 - Personal Literary Anthology ([See Resources Link 3](#))
 - Reader-Writer Workshop ([See Resources Link 4](#))

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