



A Reminder: **What are the NEW LITERACIES?**

Here are the New Literacies, briefly presented, as defined by Donald Leu in 2002.

- The ability to learn
- The ability to critically evaluate information
- Strategic knowledge: locate, evaluate, and effectively use complex systems
- Social learning strategies
- Multicultural understanding
- The ability to read text

Source: Summary, Chapter 14, *The New Literacies: Research on Reading Instruction with the Internet*, Leu, D.J. in *What Research Has to Say About Reading Instruction*, 2002, IRA

For a deeper understanding of the new literacies, I recommend the book, *Teaching with the Internet K-12: New Literacies for New Times*, (4th ed.) by Donald J. Leu, Deborah Diadiun Leu, & Julie Coiro of the University of Connecticut and published by Christopher-Gorden Publishers, Inc. (2004). The authors include “the new literacies” for multiple content areas, young learners, and LEP students. Also included are students with special needs. Many pertinent issues are dealt with in great detail including Internet inquiry and online communities. Read also Julie Coiro’s article, *Making Sense of Online Text* in the October 2005 *Educational Leadership* themed issue on Reading Comprehension. She gives some CRISS-like structures to help students succeed in their maneuvering online.

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