



Theoretical Perspectives of Literacy

- Literacy is both the basics of "deciphering" and composing written materials (Schachter & Galili-Schachter, 2012) and
- what one <u>does</u> with the text

### Theoretical/Conceptual Models of Literacy

- Cultural literacy (Hirsch, 1987)
- Critical literacy (Freire & Macedo, 1987)

### **Theoretical Frameworks**

 Ideological Model of Literacy (Street, 2003): Literacy is a social practice; cultural contexts shape these practices; recognition of "multiple literacies" and the importance of what Kliewer calls "local understandings"

### **Conceptual Framework** for HOW we learn to read

- Simple View of Reading (Hoover & Gough, 1990): Reading is comprised of
- (1) Decoding and
- (2) Linguistic Comprehension; both are crucial.

# **Network Theories**

(e.g., Harm & Seidenberg)

- As children are exposed to language, they develop phonological knowledge of the language they hear. They learn the phonological patterns of the language and incorporate them into a cognitive network.
- Later, children learn letters and develop orthographic knowledge (typical patterns of letters in one's language) which is mapped onto their phonological network.
- Therefore, learning to read requires extensive experience with language and with print; associate print with words they have in their listening/speaking vocabulary.



# Alphabetic principle• Understanding that letters (or<br/>combinations of letters) represent<br/>individual sounds in wordsImage: State State

# Stages/Phases of Learning to Read:

### Pre-alphabetic Phase (Ehri)

- Individuals in this stage:
- Use "visual discrimination and associative learning" to identify words
  - Use visual cues and associate them with words they know
- Make "little if any use of letter-sound correspondences"



# **Partial Alphabetic Phase**

Individuals in this stage:

- Have some knowledge of letter-sound correspondences and use one or more letters/sounds to identify a word (usually use first or first and last letters)
- Are using some phonological awareness skills (b/c they are using "speech segments [letter-sounds]" to read words
- Are using some context cues to read words



# **Full Alphabetic Phase**

Individuals in this stage:

- Know letter-sound correspondences quite well and are learning more complex correspondences
- Can "sound out" new words
- Can read by analogy (using larger "chunks" of phonological and graphemic info to decode)
- Depend "heavily on phonological awareness, working memory, and access of phonological codes from long-term memory"



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Later alphabetic stage of reading/writing

## **Consolidated Alphabetic Phase**

Individuals in this stage:

- Can "chunk" word sections making their word recognition more efficient

   e.g., know how to pronounce -tion at the end of a word
- Can read "exception" words
  Can map "orthographic units to phonological units"
- Use working memory but "its role shifts from managing word identification (which becomes more automatic) to managing comprehension processes" (p. 194)





### Factors Affecting Acquisition of Literacy Skills



### Environmental & Instructional

 e.g., no or limited exposure to instruction or literacy experiences or materials; placement in classrooms with other children with significant language delays

- Expectations
  - e.g., no or limited expectations that student can learn/ participate in literacy (lack of opportunity)

### Individual Differences

 e.g., sensory, physical, communication, and/or cognitive differences making access difficult

# For children with ID, also consider

 "Working memory may be the single most reliable predictor of reading ability among individuals with [ID]." (Connors, 2003, p. 212)

### Literature Circles Discussion



- <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?</u> <u>v=sDlt6WVwUPk&feature=related</u>
- <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?</u> <u>v=wvZbpZqI6aQ&feature=related</u>
- http://www.youtube.com/watch? v=wlJJhP3frUQ&feature=related



### Next Week: Assessment

Read: Lipson & Wixson (2009). Chapters 8 & 9

NOTE: Go back to Week 2's readings and read these assigned pages. Lipson & Wixson (2009). **pp. 274 – 306 in** Chapter 7.

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