10 Ideas for Implementing Visual Devices

1. **Guided Writing**: Using visual devices as a model, teach students how to incorporate visual devices into their own writing.

2. **Content Standards**: Use visual devices to meet content area standards such as interpreting graphs in math and reading maps in social studies.

3. **Compare and Contrast**: Use visual devices to compare and contrast how the same information can be displayed in different ways.

4. **Inferencing**: Model how visual devices can be used as evidence when making inferences.

5. **Generating Questions**: Teach students how to ask/write questions that can be derived from the information presented in a visual device.

6. **Infographics**: Teach students how to create infographics using visual devices.

7. **Real-World Applications**: Use visual devices to teach life skills such as reading recipes, analyzing food labels, and following maps.

8. **Vocabulary Development**: Develop domain specific vocabulary by having students write summaries describing a visual device.

9. **Learning Content**: Extend content learning and enhance knowledge acquired from informational texts.

10. **Standardized Testing**: Prepare students for when they encounter these text features on high-stakes tests.