

Genre Reformulation

Abraham Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln, what do you see?

I see unhappy slaves looking at me.

Unhappy slaves, unhappy slaves, what do you see?

I see Northern soldiers fighting to rescue me.

Northern soldiers, Northern soldiers, what do you see?

I see my Southern brother shooting at me.

Southern brother, Southern brother, what do you see?

I see all my slaves being freed and taken from me.

Slaves, slaves what do you see?

I see some people fighting hard to make sure all are really free.

Two middle school students in a resource classroom created this reformulation about the Civil War. They used the text structure found in the children's picture book *Brown Bear, Brown Bear*.

ABC Reformulation

Silk Road	Sand Road	Sea Road
Asians	Africans	Arab
Buddhist	Berbers = nomads for desert	Bananas traded
Chinese prospered trade Declined due to increase in European maritime	Cairo became bigger Caravans were Domestic	Chinese in this too Lots of Diversity
It was in Eurasia & most Enduring	East Africa was important	Ethiopia
Furs were traded	Forests to South gave root crops	Fruits traded

This student's side-by-side reformulation allowed him to make a quick comparison of these three routes.