Introduction to Language

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2. Nature of Language
3. History of Language
4. Stages of Language Development
5. Spoken Language
   a. Confidence
   b. Ideas
   c. Vocabulary Enrichment and Language Training
   d. Adult as Model
6. Written Language
   a. Writing Explosions
      i. Indirect and Direct Preparations of the Hand
      ii. Preparation of the Mind
   b. Stages of Reading (Explosions) leading to TOTAL READING
      i. Phonetic Approach
      ii. Spelling: Phonograms and Puzzle Words
         • Order within words
      iii. Reading Classification
      iv. Word Order: Function of Words
      v. Sentence Structure: Reading Analysis
      vi. Word Study
7. Conclusion

Reading:
Montessori, Maria, *Absorbent Mind*, Chapters 10 and 11
Montessori, Maria, *Discovery of the Child*, Chapters 15-18
Montessori, Maria, *Formation of Man*, Part III