**Sometimes You Will Need to Do a Close Read**

*Close reading means reading to uncover layers of meaning that lead to deep comprehension.*

In order to read effectively, it is necessary for you to interact with whatever you are reading. Your mind should constantly be connecting to new and past ideas when you read. For complex texts you will have to do multiple reads to understand the reading fully and deeply.

To fully understand what you read, you need to complete tasks

* Before you actually start to read a selection
* During the reading of the selection
* After reading the selection

**Example of Close Reading Procedure**

1. What is the purpose for reading? What will you have to do with the reading afterwards (lab, discussion, paper, etc)?
2. Read the text independently with pencil (circle confusions, note important events or other teacher prompted details). Essentially you will be independently **annotating**: summarizing, making connections, posing questions. In addition, your teacher might have you do a quick write.
3. Partner talk. Share your notes and/or quick write from above and check for understanding with each other. The teacher may also provide a discussion prompt. This is a perfect time to clear up any confusion with unfamiliar words/phrases or concepts. Use each other as resources and talk academically about the subject.
4. You will share out highlights of your partner discussion with the whole class.
5. The teacher will read some or all of the text aloud and share their thoughts, working through complex topics and sharing more knowledge on the concept.
6. Class discussion. The teacher poses text dependent questions working from explicit (right there) to implicit (think and search) questions. For explicit questions you will have to use the reading as a guide and respond with evidence from the text. For implicit questions you will have to connect past knowledge to the topic or make inferences.
7. Writing. The teacher will give you a prompt that you will have to reference the reading in order to complete thoroughly.

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