

Close Reading in Three Reads

Before I read

- What are the text features?
- What do I think this will be about?
- Why am I reading this?
- What do I already know about this topic?

First Read: Get the Gist (Key Ideas and Details) – What Does the Text Say?

- Can I retell and paraphrase?
- What is interesting, surprising, and/or confusing?
- What are the main ideas and key details?
- Can I summarize?
- What does the author want me to know?
- What questions do I have?

Second Read: Dig a Little Deeper (Craft and Structure) – How Does the Text Work?

- What is the author's viewpoint or claim?
- What is the author's purpose for writing?
- What is my purpose for reading?
- Why did the author use particular words or phrases?
- What is the text structure? (Is the author comparing/contrasting, presenting problems and solutions, causes and effects, a sequence of events, a description?)

Third Read: Put it All Together (Integration of Knowledge and Ideas) – What Does the Text Mean?

- What is the evidence the author uses to support his/her claims?
- How is the evidence supported?
- What conclusions can I draw based on the evidence?

(Identify the text structure that the author is using to present the claims and evidence in more detail)