

# CLOSE READING

strategies





# OBJECTIVE

Learners will be able to apply close reading strategies to analyze a piece of writing.

# WHAT IS CLOSE READING?

Close Reading is a critical analysis of a short text or excerpt. It involves reading the text three times and using a pen or pencil to make annotations. The goal is to help readers develop a deep understanding of the text.



# THREE READING PHASES



**First Read**  
Get the Text



**Second Read**  
Dig a little deeper



**Third Read**  
Pull it all together

# CLOSE READING

Keys and marks to use



# KEYS & MARKS TO USE

These symbols can be used in digital notes, printed excerpts, or reading journals.



I have a question.  
I don't understand.



Surprising!  
Important part



Love this part  
Favorite quote



Main Idea



Making a Connection  
"This reminds me of \_\_\_\_\_."



Evidence that supports the  
main idea

# FIRST READING

Questions to consider



What's the main idea?

Can you summarize the text?

What jumps out at you?

What questions do you have?

# SECOND READING

Questions to consider



What text features were used?

What is the author's purpose?

How does the author feel about  
the subject?

Why did the author use  
particular words and phrases?

# THIRD READING

Questions to consider



What inferences can you make?

How does the author support  
key ideas?

How does this relate to other  
texts you've read?

How does this excerpt help you  
understand the text as a whole?

# YOUR TURN

Complete a **Close Read** of your assigned text or excerpt. Be sure to include the close reading keys & marks and any additional annotations, which will help you better understand the text.

