



What is close reading?

Close reading is reading the text multiple times to help deepen your understanding. You are like a detective that is looking for clues in the text that help you really understand the text.

Each time you read the text you should focus on uncovering more information.

Ist read	Skim the Surface • Who are the characters and what is the setting? • What is the main idea? • What is the problem? • What questions do you have?
2 nd read	 Dig Deeper Why did the author write the text? What do you notice about the text features and the text structure? What imagery did the author include? Use context clues to learn new words.
3rd read	Make Your Meaning Draw conclusions about the character, setting, or events. Identify the theme or lesson. Make your connections and form an opinion about the text.