

Get Close for Deeper Thinking:



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Today's Goal

 Understand the relationship among close reading practices, developing textdependent questions, and providing evidence-based responses.

Three Instructional Shifts for CCS-ELA & Literacy

1. Building knowledge through content-rich nonfiction

2. Reading, writing, and speaking grounded in evidence from text

3. Regular practice with complex text and its academic language



To ensure our students are college and career ready, we must teach them critical reading strategies in order for them to independently attack a text. They must learn how to own a text, rather than letting the text own them.

What is Close Reading?



It is an interaction between the reader and a text.

(Douglas Fisher in the online video interview, "Close Reading and the Common Core State Standards," April 3, 2012)

It is making careful observations of a text and then interpretations of those observations.

(Patricia Kain for the Writing Center at Harvard University, 1998)

It involves rereading; often rereading a short portion of a text that helps a reader to carry new ideas to the whole text.

(Kylene Beers and Robert Probst in Notice and Note, 2012)

"...an intensive analysis of a text in order to come to terms with what it says, how it says it, and what it means."

(Tim Shanahan in What is Close Reading?, 2012)

Close Reading

- is reading and re-reading a whole text or passage
- seeks meaning from within the text
- develops meaning from the interaction of the reader and the text

Why Use Close Reading?



Background

- A priority of the CCSS is students closely read texts of increasing complexity to acquire knowledge.
- The CCSS focus on gathering evidence, knowledge, and insight from what is read.
- Questions and tasks should require thinking about the text carefully and finding evidence in the text to support responses.

Regular practice with complex text and its academic language

Building knowledge through contentrich nonfiction Reading, writing, and speaking grounded in evidence from the text

Close Reading

Adapted from the Systems of Professional Learning for Coaches ELA Module 1: Focus on Instructional Shifts developed by PCG

The Process



- Reading through once allows the student to come up with ideas
- Rereading allows the student to pull information from the text
 - to provide a focus: descriptions, definitions, techniques/structures, point of view, word choice
 - to enhance understanding: what is revealed after examining the description, definitions, techniques/structures, point of view
 - to utilize text evidence to support new ideas/inferences/conclusions

Role of Teacher



- Be well prepared
- Select challenging, appropriate text
- Analyze content, language ahead of time
- Anticipate potential text challenges for certain students (e.g., English Learners, students with disabilities, students reading above or below grade level)

Role of Teacher

- Structure opportunities for reading, rereading, and discussion
- Write purposeful, text-dependent questions that engage students
- Facilitate rich, rigorous conversations (through the use of text-dependent questions) that keep students engaged
- Ensure reading activities stay closely connected to text

Role of Students



Read like a detective (Be a keen observer and notice the clues)

- Read the text more than once
- Persevere in reading and comprehending challenging text
- Annotate the text
- Analyze the text for purpose and/or levels of meaning

Role of Students

- Use evidence from the text to ask and answer textdependent questions
- Increase comprehension of a text through multiple re-readings
- Participate in rich, rigorous, collaborative conversations about a common text



Be active and think deeply

Selecting a Text



Select Short, Worthy Texts

- May be a passage from a longer text or a complete short text
- Consider the skill that is the focus of the lesson
- Determine what kind of text would be the best tool for instruction of skill

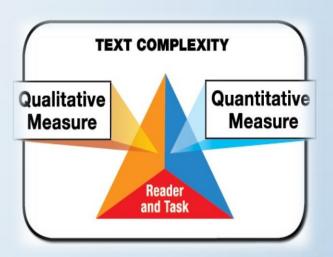
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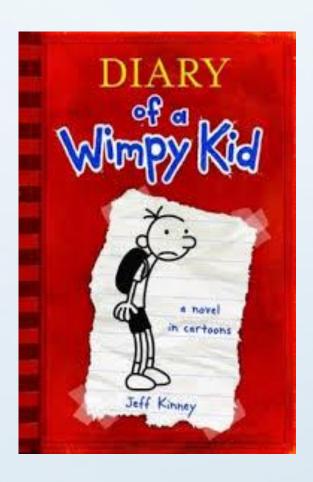


Understanding Text Complexity

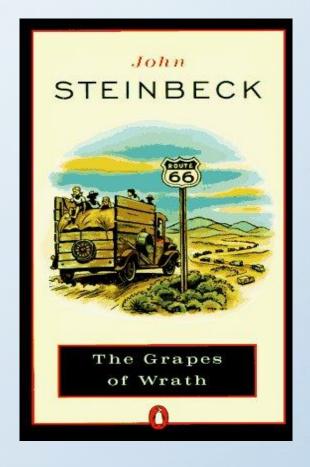
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Matching Text to Reader and Task	By a skilled educator: Considerations of reader and considerations of task	 Motivation Knowledge Experiences Emotional/age-appropriateness Purpose of task Complexity of task Complexity of questions posed



Let's Compare...



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A Worthy Text

- is short enough to read and re-read within the instructional period
- should require multiple readings for comprehension, interpretation, analysis
- could be part of a text that has sufficient fodder to support exploration, discussion, reflection

Broaden Your Definition of Text

A text for close reading can include:

- Short stories
- Poems
- Articles
- Letters

- Documents
- Photos
- Paintings
- Websites

Digging a Hole



Close Reading Process

- What does the text say?
- How does the text work?
- What does the text mean?
- What does the text inspire you to do?

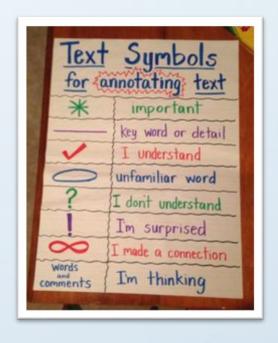
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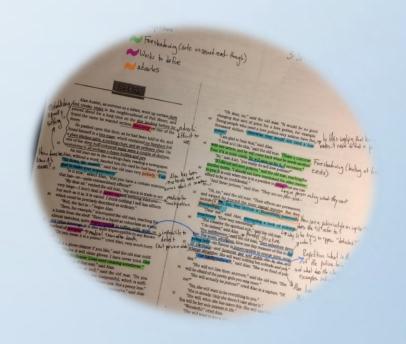


What is Annotating?

 The process of marking and taking notes on a text to make the most of the reading process. This includes highlighting, underlining, circling, arrows, and making notes by paraphrasing, summarizing, or noting original ideas.







What is the Purpose of Annotating?



Annotation slows down the reader in order to deepen understanding.

How do you Annotate?

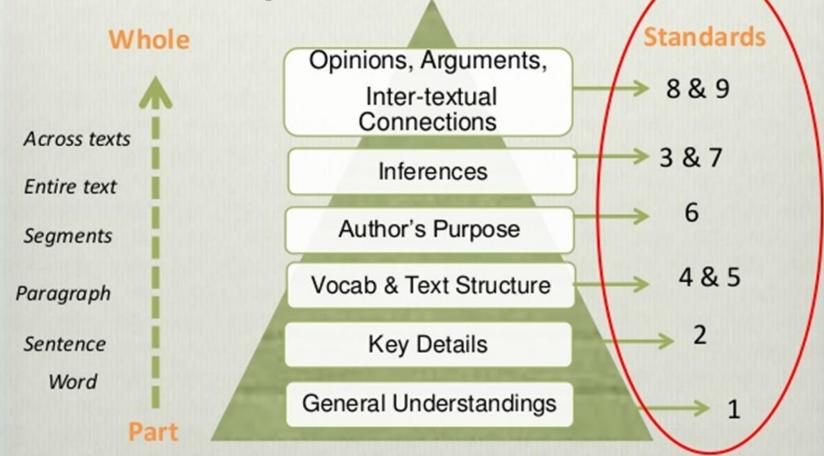
- Read through the text, noting unfamiliar or difficult words or concepts.
- Reread the text multiple times, each time with a different lens.
 Depending on your purpose for reading, lenses you might apply include:
 - Important ideas, key understandings, big takeaways, deeper meaning, author's message
 - Development of ideas or arguments
 - Relationships between ideas and elements
 - Organization, structure, use of metaphor, imagery, symbolism, tone, mood
 - Vocabulary and word choice
 - Use of illustrations or other text features



Text-Dependent Questions



Progression of Text-dependent Questions



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Text Dependent Questions In Action



Text-Dependent Questions

- are questions that can only be answered correctly by close reading of the text and demand careful attention to the text
- require an understanding that extends beyond recalling facts
- often require students to infer
- do not depend on information from outside sources
- allow students to gather evidence and build knowledge
- provide access to increasing levels of complex text
- call for careful and thoughtful teacher preparation
- require time for students to process
- are worth asking

Let's Try It Out



Close Reading of a Picture

• What do you notice? Share your observations with a partner.



Guiding Questions Using a Graphic Organizer

- What details do you notice from the picture?
- What was your initial impression and reaction?
- What are your unanswered questions?

Further Guiding Questions

- Why do you think the photographer took this picture?
- What is the photographer's point of view?
- What do you notice as different or unusual in the picture? Use information from the picture to support your answer.

Become a Secondary Student...

- Read Document 1
- Share your thoughts about the document.
- Read the Guiding Questions document with your group.
- Reread Document 1 and use the Guiding questions to discuss the document again.
 Remember to use evidence from the text to support your inferences and conclusions.

Guiding Questions

- What is the author's point of view?
- What do you notice as different or unusual in the text?
- Where do you think this is from, when was it written, and for what purpose was it written?
- What is the central idea of the document?

Listen to Audio



Guiding Questions for Audio

- Does this add any clarity to what you have read?
- How do reading Document 1 and listening to Document 1 differ?
- Does the audio change the impact of Document 1?
 Consider voice, emotional appeal, and expression.
- Who is the author of this document and what is the purpose of it?
- When was it written? Who was the audience?

Bringing Close Reading and Text-Dependent Questions To Life



Reading Closely with Middle School Students

Close Reading in Action: An Elementary Perspective

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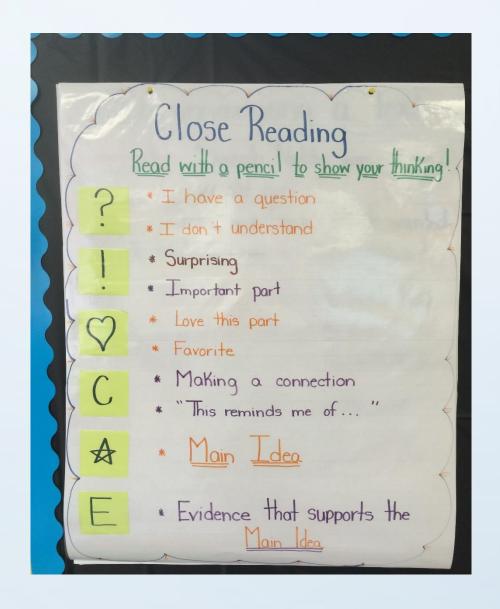


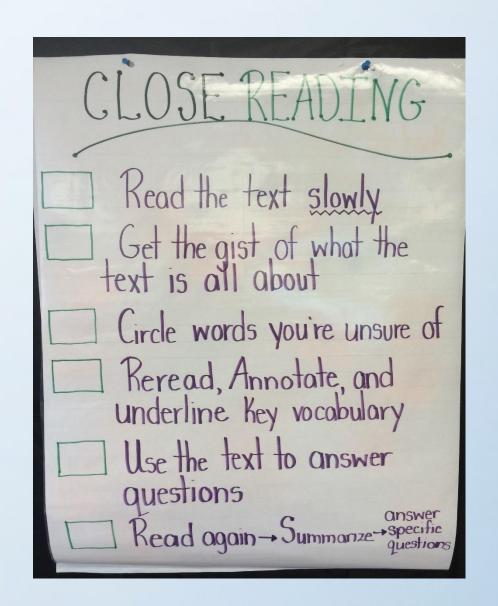


What Close Reading Looks Like in the Elementary Classroom

- Modeling
- Anchor Charts
- Short texts
- Post-its, highlighters, pencils –students actively engaged in reading
- Guiding questions to help set a purpose for each reading of the text
- Collaborative work → peers working together to best understand a text

Anchor Charts





Lesson Planning with Close Reading

- To be successful with Close Reading teachers do need to read and reread the text themselves
- Creating guiding questions to drive the second and third reading of a text is crucial; there needs to be a clear objective set for students to understand WHY they are rereading the same passage
- Time needs to be devoted to creating text-dependent questions that will challenge students and extend their thinking
- Text-dependent questions can hit a multitude of standards, which makes integration of Close Reading into current curriculum successful

Guiding Questions

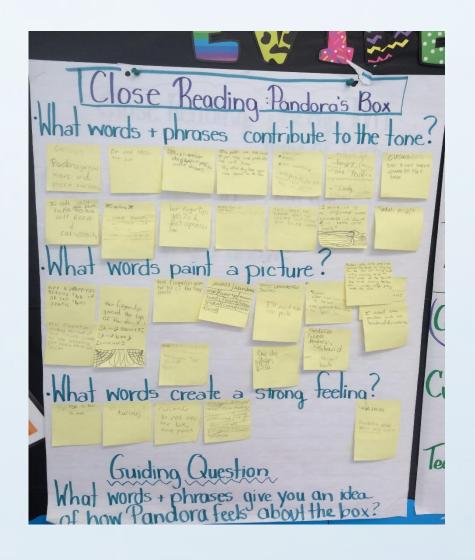
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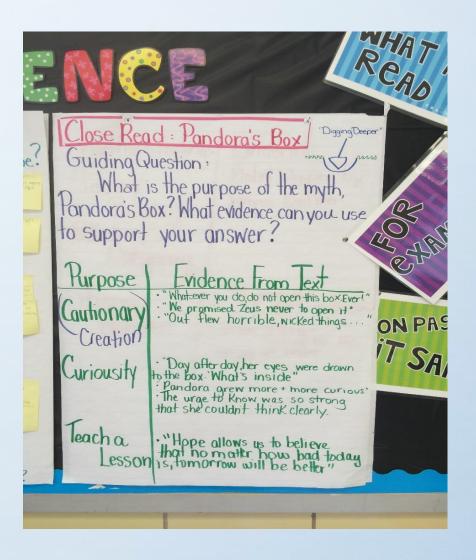
- What clues to meaning do you find on the cover that prepare you to read this story?
- What is the author's message?
- How does the setting (time and place) make a difference in the story?
- What tone or mood does the author create?
- Who is speaking in this passage?

Potential Questions for Informational Text

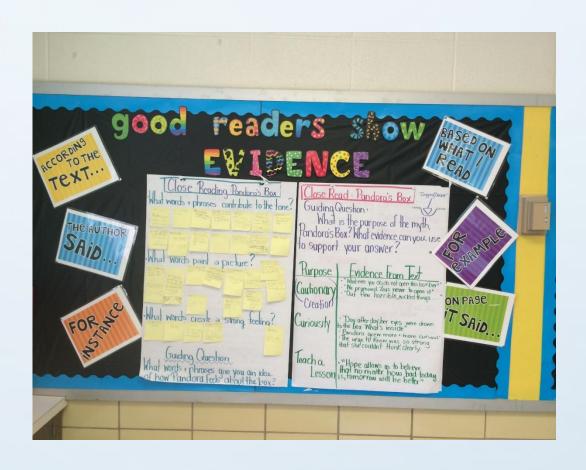
- What is the main idea, and how does the author show this in the text?
- Why does the author choose these particular details to include?
- What are the most important words to talk about this text?
- Why do you think the author chose this genre or format?
- Do you think the author is openly trying to convince you of something?

Using Guiding Questions



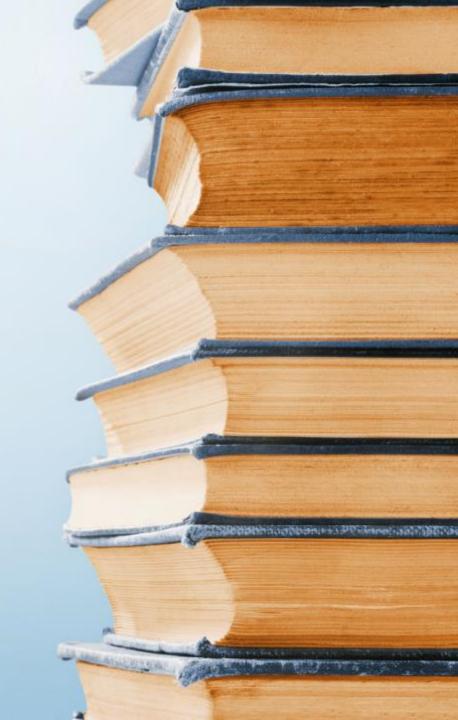


Connecting Close Reading to Writing



- Close Reading directly integrates and supports writing
- Ties into students writing constructed responses where they are required to find evidence in the text to support their thinking
- Not all guiding questions have to lead to a written response

Close Reading Lesson: Spelunking



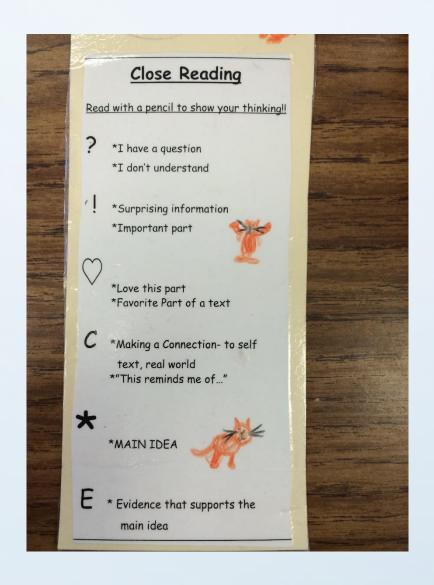
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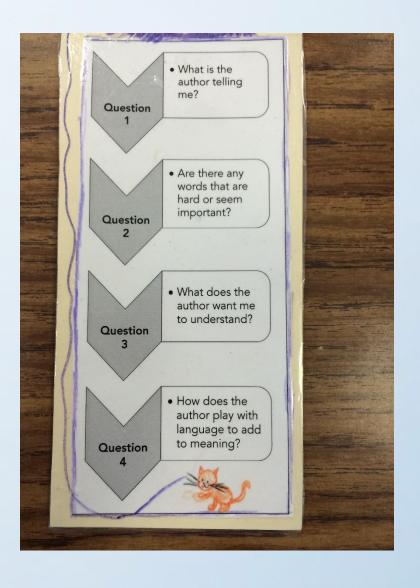
- This is an area where you can differentiate for various reading levels (some independently read, some partner read, some read in a small group with a teacher)
- Set the purpose > Read to find out what spelunking is.
 - Students "closely read" an image of people spelunking in a cave (What do you see? What types of emotions does this image generate?)
 - After students closely read image of spelunking > students read article in its entirety
 - Objective is to get the "gist" of the article without stopping to discuss
 - At end of passage students shared out their thinking of what spelunking is and what spelunking entails
 - Clear up any remaining confusion or misunderstanding of the text

Day 2: Second Read of the Text

- Guiding Question: How do the text features help you understand the text?
- Students annotate and interact with the text
 - Students mark up the text using pencils, post-its, highlighters
 - Mark up unfamiliar phrases, key words, ask questions of the text
 - Utilize Close Reading bookmark that has symbols for coding the text
 - With a partner or in a small group, students share out what they notice, citing how the text is organized
 - At the end of small group/partner work students share out their ideas from their post-it notes and create a student generated anchor chart

Day 2: Close Reading Bookmarks

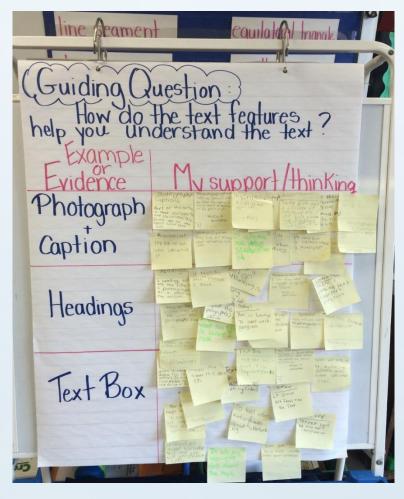




Day 2: Close Reading in Action

Guiding Question: How do the text features help you understand the text?

Student Generated Ideas



Examples of Student Thinking

- Photograph/caption
 - It gives a visual of what a stalagmite is
 - They give you a picture of something that you don't know what it looks like
 - It helps me see what spelunking looks like

Headings

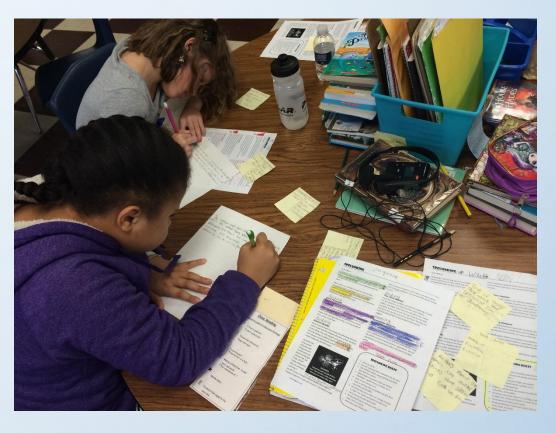
- Show key ideas from the text
- Tell the main idea of each section
- Give you an idea of what is coming next

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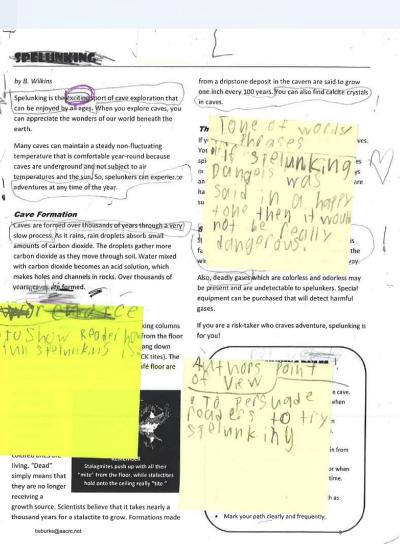
- Gives extra information on spelunking
- Has important facts about spelunking
- Lets me know quick facts about the topic

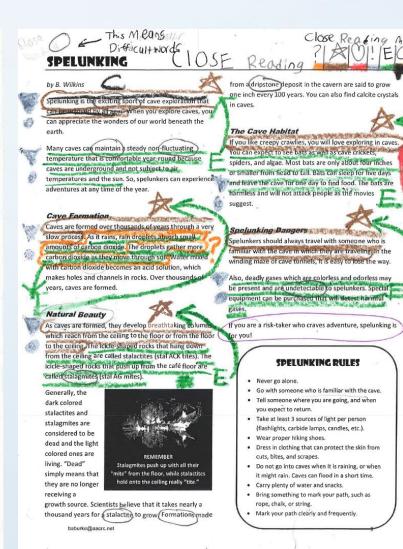
Day 2: Students in Action

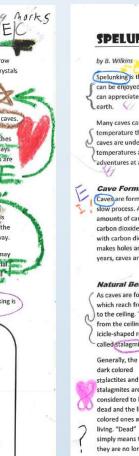




Day 2: Student Work Samples







SPELUNKING

Spelunking is the exciting sport of cave exploration that can be enjoyed by all ages. When you explore caves, you can appreciate the wonders of our world beneath the

Many caves can maintain a steady non-fluctuating temperature that is comfortable year-round because caves are underground and not subject to air temperatures and the sun. So, spelunkers can experience adventures at any time of the year.

Cave Formation Head. 19

Caves are formed over thousands of years through a very slow process. As it rains, rain droplets absorb small amounts of carbon dioxide. The droplets gather more carbon dioxide as they move through soil. Water mixed with carbon dioxide becomes an acid solution, which makes holes and channels in rocks. Over thousands of years, caves are formed.

Natural Beauty

As caves are formed, they develop breathtaking columns which reach from the ceiling to the floor or from the floor

for you! to the ceiling. The icicle-shaped rocks that hang down from the ceiling are called stalactites (stal ACK tites). The icicle-shaped rocks that push up from the café floor are called stalagmites (stal AG mites).

dark colored stalactites and stalagmites are considered to be dead and the light colored ones are living. "Dead" 💡 simply means that

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growth source. Scientists believe that it takes nearly a long thousand years for a stalactite to grow. Formations made

from a dripstone deposit in the cavern are said to grow one inch every 100 years. You can also find calcite crystals

The Cave Habitat

If you like creepy crawlies, you will love exploring in caves You can expect to see bats as well as cave crickets, spiders, and algae. Most bats are only about four inches or smaller from head to tail. Bats can sleep for five days and leave the cave for one day to find food. The bats are harmless and will not attack people as the movies

Spelunking Dangers

Spelunkers should always travel with someone who is familiar with the cave in which they are traveling. In the winding maze of cave tunnels, it is easy to lose the way.

Also, deadly gases which are colorless and odorless may be present and are undetectable to spelunkers. Special equipment can be purchased that will detect harmful

equipment protect from gasses? S If you are a risk-taker who craves adventure, spelunking is

SPELUNKING RULES

Never go alone.

- . Go with someone who is familiar with the cave.
- · Tell someone where you are going, and when
- Take at least 3 sources of light per person
- (flashlights, carbide lamps, candles, etc.).
- Wear proper hiking shoes
- · Dress in clothing that can protect the skin from cuts, bites, and scrapes.
- Do not go into caves when it is raining, or when it might rain. Caves can flood in a short time. · Carry plenty of water and snacks.
- . Bring something to mark your path, such as rope, chalk, or string,
- Mark your path clearly and frequently.

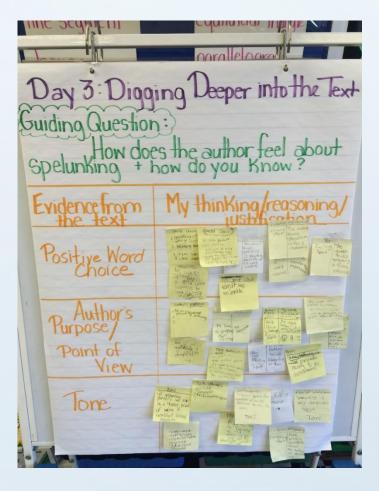
Day 3: Third Read of the Text

- Guiding Question: How does the author feel about spelunking and how do you know?
 - As an area of differentiation, you can have certain students look throughout the entire text, whereas you may give other students specific paragraphs to look through for evidence
 - Graphic organizers help students organize their thinking
 - Depending on standard you are currently focusing on, this may become a formalized written response
 - Third read guiding questions tend to synthesize and pull all of their understanding together as a final analysis of the text

Day 3: Close Reading in Action

Guiding Question: How does the author feel about spelunking and how do you know?

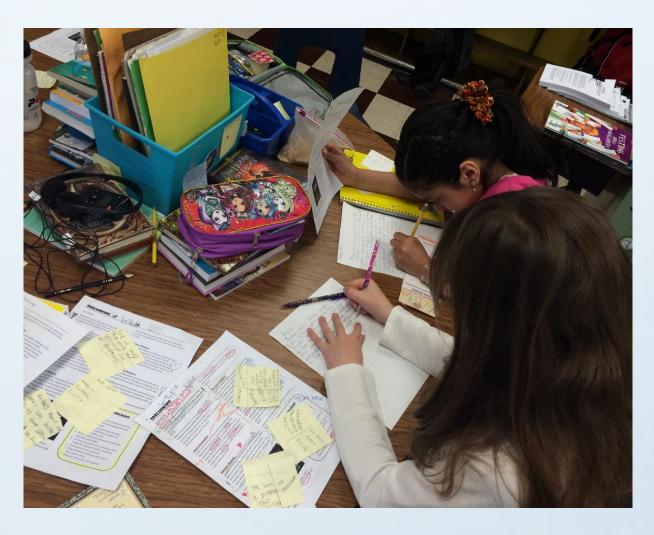
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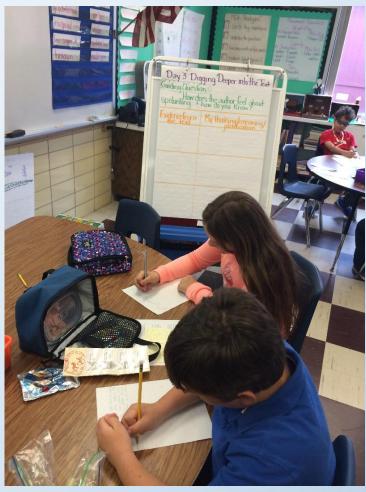


Examples of Student Thinking

- Positive Word Choice
 - The author thinks spelunking is fun and interesting
 - Phrases from the text: "exciting", "enjoyable", "spelunking is an exciting sport", "see the natural beauty of the caves"
- Author's Purpose/Author's Point of View
 - Encourages people to try spelunking
 - Purpose for writing is to inform and persuade
- Tone
 - Uses exclamation point→ show excitement
 - Although talks about dangers, doesn't focus on them/scare reader
 - Positive tone throughout the text

Day 3: Students in Action





Day 3: Student Work Samples

Here are three ways the author feels about spelunking. The author thinks spelunking is readly fun because fronthectext he wrote "spelun King is the exciting sport of cave exploration: second, he wants to persuade people to go spelunking. He doesn't want to make spelun King sound dangerous but he has a purpose for writing the text. Finally he has a great but fun word choice-(exciting, comfortable, and experience) which are great words. These were only a few feelings the author has about going spelun King.

B. Wilkins, the author of the passage Spelusking likes this topic. One reason I know B. Wilkins likes spelusking is because of the authors parpose. It's evidence because why would B. Williams write about it if he didn't like it! Another example is his word choice. He uses words like "exciting" and "enjoyable". Those words send a good feeling. Finally I see that the author likes the topic by his tone. He says. If you are a risk-taker who craves adventure, spelunking is for you! That shows that the author is saying that if you like adventure, you should go spelunking. Those are my reasons why B. Wilking likes spelunking.

A Perspective from a Secondary Teacher

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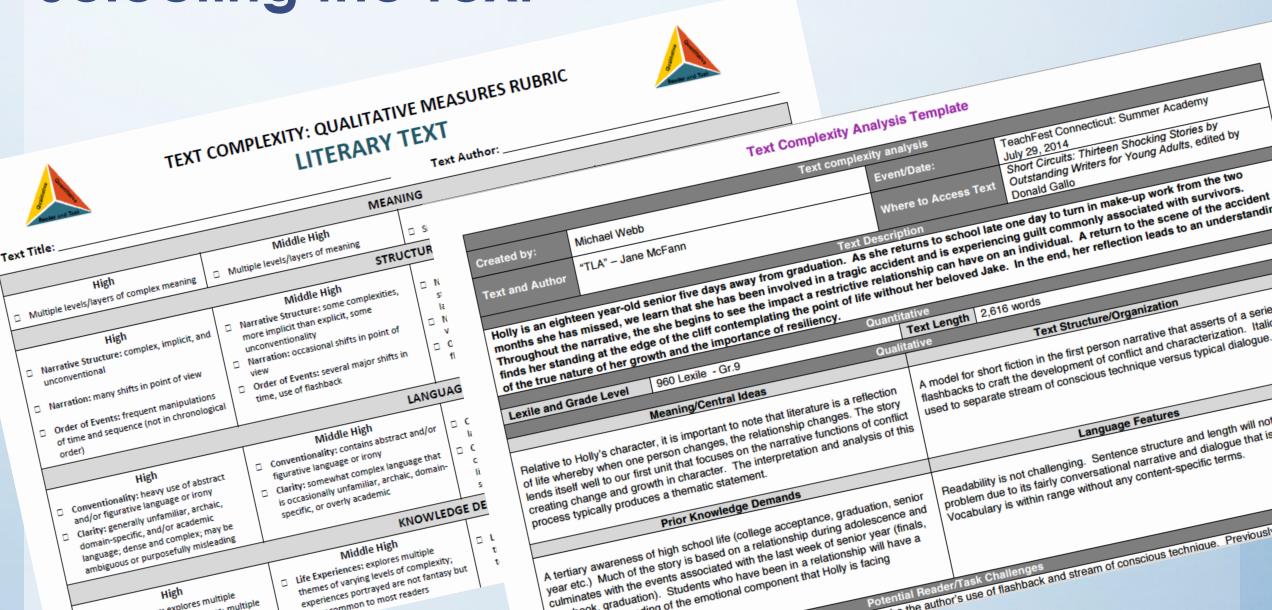




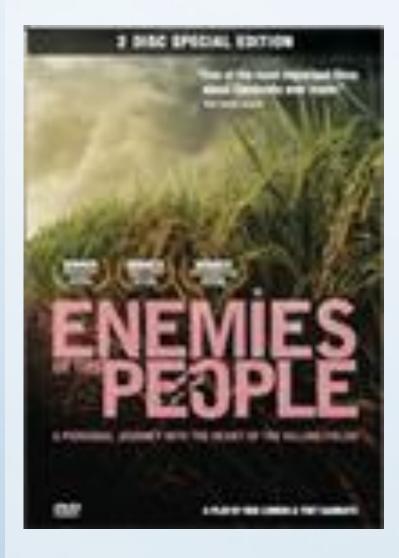
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Close Reading with Multimedia



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then leads a short dis	cussion among the group about what influenced members to write what they wro
5.) Round 2: Each mem	per regeats the grocess with the Big Idea box. Ferson F leads the discussion.
4.) Round St Each mem	per regents the grocess with the Connection box. Ferson C leads the discussion.
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used or applied. Me	mbers regeat the grocess with Ferson D leading the discussion.

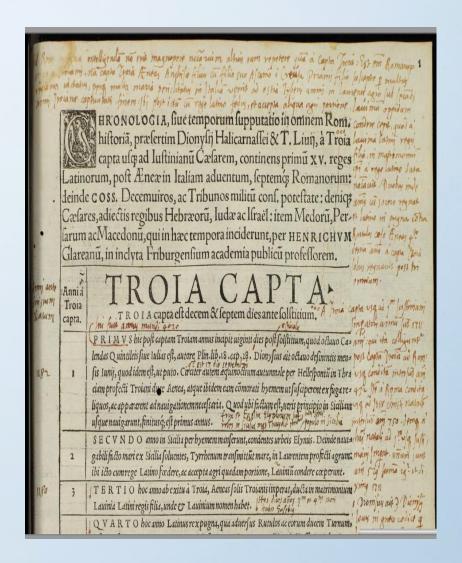
In order to build their content context for future readings of In the Shadow of the Banyan, students watch a portion of the PBS video. Students follow the discussion protocol "ABC...Plus One."

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Roll of
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Knowledge

- The Publisher's Criteria for the CCSS advocates a close reading approach that "focuses on what lies within the four corners of the text"
- There's a difference between background knowledge that takes you away from a text and background knowledge that takes you further into a text.
- Close reading really asks students to understand a text based on the new material they find in it. In fact, it actually allows students to build new background knowledge.

Purposeful Annotation

- We've been doing it since the beginning of time
- Provides a focus
 - The task of understanding and learning from a text while reading
 - The task of understanding and learning from a text after reading
- Not just "fill in the margins as much as you can"
- Doesn't have to be a complicated system



Text Dependent Questions

- Aid in unlocking the answer to the Essential Question of the unit
- This may be a newer experience so build in scaffolds

- Remember to use textual evidence to support your ideas.
- Be sure to include specific evidence from the text to support your ideas.
- Remember to use words and phrases from the text to prove your answer.
- What in the text helped you to know?
- What words or phrases did the author use that led you to your answer?

Student Work Samples

What clues/evidence from the text tell you that they may be safe?

The +6WMSfork Came out with pots and dishes filled to with food. The district reader greeted everyone kindly and addressed them respectfully. The author also says " It was clear this was to be our new home. Everyone sighed with relief."

What clues/evidence from the text tell you that they may be safe?

Clues from text that tell me they may be safe is when he talks obbout how anxious he was after steing all the food and "It was after this was to be our new home" (p. 243) After being wellowed by district leader. Seems the family is now in good hands with their new home. Could be stored the steen though the others beat them to the bedrooms, they also best off living in the immense kitchen rather than the forest.

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alike. And the lyrics in the song pretty much stops explains their beliefs.
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question.

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How to Support Implementation of Close Reading



- Schedule professional learning time for your teachers so they can learn how to analyze texts for text complexity and how to do close reading.
- Provide time for teachers for whole-school planning for close reading
 - identifying key goals and coordinating what text will be used at different grade levels
 - how close reading will be integrated into language arts, social studies, science, and mathematics

- Work with teachers to decide upon school wide or grade-level annotations so students do not need to relearn annotation markings each year.
- Provide coaching for teachers as they begin utilizing close reading in their classrooms.
- Support teachers' efforts by arranging opportunities for peer observation and feedback.

Resources

- CTCoreStandards.org
- CCSSO Navigating Text Complexity
- Achieve the Core
- EduCore
- International Literacy Association
- LearnZillion

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