



CLOSE READING CUES



for Careful, Purposeful Reading and Focused Discussion



First Read

Focus on the main idea, story elements, or key details.

Read independently to get the gist of the text.
Think-pair-share what you noticed in the text.

KEY IDEAS
& DETAILS



Second Read

Focus on how the text works.

Reread an important part of the text for a deeper understanding.
Use codes to mark the text.
Think about author's craft, vocabulary, text structure, or text features.
Think-pair-share using your codes.

CRAFT &
STRUCTURE



Third Read

Focus on what the text means and how it connects to other experiences.

Reread that part.
Analyze and synthesize information from several texts.
Record your ideas and answer questions. Be sure to...
• use specific textual evidence to support your ideas.
• use words and phrases from the text to prove your answer or support your ideas.
• use details from the text and text features to support your ideas.

INTEGRATION OF
KNOWLEDGE & IDEAS

CLOSE READING CODES

double underline the main idea

underline details or important information

circle vocabulary or notable words

box parts to discuss

CT Character Trait

P Problem / Solution **S**

C Cause / Effect **E**

Q Question / Answer **A**

123 a sequence, chronology, examples, or reasons

important

I like it

a question I have

this surprises me

Topic

I agree with the author or character

I disagree or would change

a connection to Text

a connection to Self