

CLOSE READING STRATEGIES

Reading closely means reading for meaning and understanding. Follow these 8 steps to perform your own close reading.

To begin, read your passage *slowly*.

Task 1: Vocabulary - Look up and define any vocabulary you are unfamiliar with. Double check that the definition makes sense in the context of the text.

Task 2: Language Choice - Underline and comment on any language that attracts your attention for any reason. Why do you find it interesting?

Task 3: Verbs, nouns, adjectives and adverbs. Highlight in different colors any parts of speech that stand out for any reason. Comment on your findings.

Task 4: Predictions - Make a comment about what might happen next. You **MUST** give a reason ***based on the text you read*** as to why your prediction makes sense.

Task 5: Opinions and reflections - Comment on what you think of the story/narrators/characters.

Task 6: Connections - Comment on passages that remind you about your own experiences or other books or films. What are the similarities?

Task 7: Questions - Come up with a question about anything you read. List more **open** questions than **closed** questions. Closed questions can be answered simply with a YES or a NO.

Task 8: Comment on key themes from the novel that are reflected in the passage.