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**Close Reading Strategy**

* **Comprehension: Key Ideas and Details**
* Read the text to determine:
	+ Basic meaning
	+ Characters
	+ Plot
	+ Conflict
	+ Theme
	+ Unfamiliar vocabulary
* **Text Analysis: Craft & Structure**
* Read the text to determine:
	+ The genre and how the author presents ideas
	+ Notice the author’s diction (word choice), syntax (arrangement of words in a sentence), and tone.
* **Connections: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**
	+ Read the text to determine:
		- Relationships among key ideas
		- Important images or symbols
		- Compare the text to other texts

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***Answer the following questions:***

1st Read:

* Who are the main characters?
* When and where does the action take place?
* What problems do the characters face?

2nd Read

* How does the narrator’s point of view affect my understanding of and feelings about the story?
* Why do the characters behave as they do?
* How do their actions advance the plot?
* What is the central conflict, or struggle, that characters face?

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3rd Read

* How has this work increased my knowledge of a subject, an author, or a literary movement?
* In what ways is this story special, unique, or worthy of reading?