



**Guiding Questions 1**

**I. Approaching the text**

Reading closely begins by considering my specific purposes for reading and important information about a text.

**I am aware of my purpose(s) for reading:**

- Why am I reading this text?
- In my reading, should I focus on:
- The content and information about the topic?
- The structure and language of the text?
- The author's view?

**I take note of information about the text:**

- Who is the author?
- What is the title?
- What type of text is it?
- Who published the text?
- When was the text published?

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<p>II. Questioning Texts Reading closely involves: 1) initially questioning a text to focus my attention on its structure, ideas, language, and perspective, then 2) questioning further as I read to sharpen my focus on the specific details in the text</p>	<p>I begin my reading with questions to help me understand the text.</p> <p><b>Structure:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is the text organized?</li> <li>• How do the text’s structure and features influence my reading?</li> </ul> <p><b>Topic, Information, and Ideas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is this text mainly about?</li> <li>• What information or ideas does the text present?</li> <li>• What details stand out to me as I read?</li> </ul> <p><b>Language:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What key words or phrases do I notice as I read?</li> <li>• What words or phrases are critical for my understanding of the text?</li> <li>• What words and phrases are repeated?</li> </ul> <p><b>Perspective:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the author thinking and saying about the topic or theme?</li> <li>• Who is the intended audience of the text?</li> </ul>	<p>I pose new questions while reading that help me deepen my understanding.</p> <p><b>Structure:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why has the author structured the sentences and paragraphs this way?</li> </ul> <p><b>Topic, Information, and Ideas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What information/ideas are presented at the beginning of the text?</li> <li>• What information/ideas are described in detail?</li> <li>• What do I learn about the topic as I read?</li> <li>• How do the ideas relate to what I already know?</li> </ul> <p><b>Language:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What words and phrases are powerful or unique?</li> <li>• What do the author’s words cause me to see or feel?</li> <li>• What words do I need to know to better understand the text?</li> </ul>
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**III. Analyzing  
Details**

Reading closely involves thinking deeply about the details I have found through my questioning to determine their meaning, importance, and the ways they help develop ideas across a text.

I analyze the details I find through my questioning.

**Patterns across the text:**

What details, information, and ideas are repeated throughout the text?  
How do details, information, or ideas change across the text?

**Meaning of Language:**

Why has the author chosen specific words or phrases?

**Importance:**

Which details are most important to help me understand the text?  
Which sections are most challenging and require closer reading?  
Relationships among details:  
How are the details I find related in ways that build ideas and themes?  
What does the text leave uncertain or unstated? Why?

Analyzing and connecting details leads me to pose further text-based questions that cause me to reread more deeply.

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