

# Close Reading

Careful, Purposeful Reading and Rereading for a Deeper Understanding of Complex Text

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[http://nieonline.com/tbtimes/downloads/CCSS\\_reading.pdf](http://nieonline.com/tbtimes/downloads/CCSS_reading.pdf)

Sections/chunks/short passages

Model & practice, think aloud

Complex text; students should read the text as independently as possible

Repeated readings with a different purpose each time

-Scaffold and focus on text complexity; begin with big ideas & aim toward higher order/DOK 3

Respond to text dependent questions, require proof of text evidence

Discuss the text with others

# Models

## CLASS Signposts

[http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/sites/default/files/posts/u133/pdfs/close\\_reading\\_organizer.pdf](http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/sites/default/files/posts/u133/pdfs/close_reading_organizer.pdf)

<https://www.continentalpress.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Close-Reading-02.jpg>

<http://www.elabuffet.com/2016/06/close-reading-strategy-three-rounds.html>

Ideas & lesson plan form -

<http://www.weareteachers.com/10-super-innovative-teacher-ideas-for-close-reading/>

# Primary 1-2

<http://www.classroomfreebies.com/2016/09/free-cvc-close-reading-passage.html>

<http://thankgoditsfirstgrade.blogspot.com/2014/01/close-reading-in-1st-grade-freebie.html>

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# Intermediate 3-6

Experience the benefit of  
rereading

Annotation While Close Reading  
[http://www.educationworld.com/  
sites/default/files/DeepReadingT  
Chart.pdf](http://www.educationworld.com/sites/default/files/DeepReadingTChart.pdf)

[http://www.educationworld.com/  
sites/default/files/PaperTalk.pdf](http://www.educationworld.com/sites/default/files/PaperTalk.pdf)

[http://www.educationworld.com/  
sites/default/files/NeedItOrTrashl  
t.pdf](http://www.educationworld.com/sites/default/files/NeedItOrTrashIt.pdf)

# Using Photographs

[http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2015/02/27/10-intriguing-photographs-to-teach-close-reading-and-visual-thinking-skills/?\\_r=0](http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2015/02/27/10-intriguing-photographs-to-teach-close-reading-and-visual-thinking-skills/?_r=0)



# Across the Curriculum

Reading - Complex  
nonfiction

Science & Social Studies  
text

Math - Word problems

PE - picture or article

Music - sheet music, lyrics

Art - technique, photograph,  
article,

# Recognize best practices of close reading in a video of teacher-student interaction

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HDfv3B\\_JZQo&t=2s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HDfv3B_JZQo&t=2s)