Close Reading

Task: Pre-Reading

First Reading Key Ideas and Details

Second Reading Craft and Structure

Third Reading Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

- Look at the headings
- Look at how the article is laid out
- What do you think you are going to get out of this article?
- What preconceptions do you have?
- What background information do you bring to this reading?
- Here is where you scrape the surface of the text.
- What are some of the key ideas and details of this text?
- What are some essential parts?
- Can you summarize the findings?
- What is the big picture?
- Now reread this and dig deeper.
- How is this argument developed?
- What are some of the organizational features of this article?
- What are some text features that support your meaning-making of this article?
- Why do you think the author made certain decisions about how he crafted this article?
- How do these choices communicate what the author wants you to know?
- What do you know now that you did not know before because of this article?
- How does this new information relate/connect/conflict with your background knowledge and perceptions of this topic?