

Wright's Close Reading Guide

Before Reading Activity!

Answer the questions below.

Make a prediction about the text based on what you know about it before reading:

What does the title suggest the story or article might be about?

What do you know about the author, if anything?

Have you read anything by this author before?

First Reading!!!

On the first reading, write the words they don't understand in the box below. Look up these words in the dictionary and include a definition and a synonym and place the synonym that makes sense on top of the word.

New Word	Definition	Synonym
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Second Reading

Think about and identify the theme(literature) or central idea(informational text) and analyze the structure and craft below.

What is the focus on? What are the important lessons?	Theme or central idea	Structure and craft analysis (literature: characterization, figurative language, literary devices), Informational text: chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/ solution

Final Reading!!

Let's make connections!!

Text-to-text (Connect this text to what literary text we are reading now.)	Text to self (Connect this text to yourself)	Text to world (Connect this text to the world)