

Principal's Coffee
 Common Core
 Sample ELA Lesson
 Focus: Close Reading

Note: There are multiple ways to instruct with close reading strategies. The following lesson is one approach teachers could use when teaching.

Multiple Readings	What are the students doing?	Why are the students doing it?
First Read What does the text say?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read for the flow • Annotating the text (circle, question mark, exclamation point, check mark) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall sense of the text • Engaging with the text, records reader's thoughts and reactions
Second Read Read with a purpose: What is the main idea?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chunk the text • Get the gist (in chunks) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divides the text into manageable sections • Determine the gist in smaller sections to help students compose the main idea of the entire text
Third Read Read with a purpose: What does the text mean?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using words and clues directly from the text 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support comprehension of the text • Determine meaning of new or difficult words