**Close Reading of Informational Text** Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**What is Close Reading**

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| Every book has a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hidden between its covers.  Your job as an analytic reader is to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_it. |
| To ensure comprehension you must use reading \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to attack the text. |

**Close Reading Requires**

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| 1. Understand your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in reading. |
| 1. Understanding the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s purpose in writing. |
| 1. Seeing ideas in a text as being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |
| 1. Looking for and understanding \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |
| 1. Engaging a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ while reading. |
| 1. Getting beyond impressionist reading. (Reading for the big picture but not specific details.) |
| 1. Formulating \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and seeking \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to those questions while reading. |

***--Move to higher-order questions: Why? How?--***

**Strategies for Close Reading**

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| **SOAPS** |
| **S**peaker: Who is the author? Why is he writing? |
| **O**ccasion: What prompted the author to write? |
| **A**udience: To whom is the author addressing the writing? |
| **P**urpose: Why is the author writing this story? |
| **S**ubject: What’s the topic? What’s the main idea? |

**Connecting:**

* Text to Self
* Text to Itself
* Text to Text
* Text to World

**Three Levels of Questions**

* Right There
* Think and Search
* Author and Me
* On my own

**Five Simple Strategies to Critically Read Complex Text**

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| 1. Number the paragraphs |
| 1. Chunk the text  * 1-3 hook and thesis statement * 4-5 meat or most important support and explanation * 6-8 may be addressing of the opposition * No right or wrong way as long as you can justify why you grouped it |
| 1. Underline and circle . . . with a purpose  * Be specific * Think about the information you need |
| 1. In the left margin: Summarize what the author is saying in 10 words or less |
| 1. In the right margin: Dig Deeper into the text.  * Describing * Illustrating * Arguing * Analyzing * Comparing * Representing the information with a picture * Asking questions |

The Amazon Jungle, as it is commonly known in English, is a magnificent broad-leafed rainforest in the heart of Brazil, the basin of which covers an impressive area of 7 million square kilometers (or 1.7 billion acres).

It has an astonishing value in the natural world in terms of the Oxygen that it provides, the Carbon Dioxide that it consumes and the splendid array of exquisite plant- and animal species to which it is home. In fact, it is home to the most diverse and numerous arrays of species in the world.

However, the Amazon is not yet a very popular or frequented tourist destination. This is for several reasons:

1. There is a perceived danger of the dangerous human elements (drug lords, and so on) in and around the Amazon. This is not quite as risky as some foreigners believe, and formal tour groups should provide sufficient protection against any potential risk.   
2. There is a lack of trustworthy information available to travelers; even those making use of the internet and travel agents.   
3. Some tourists are frightened of the animal species that they will encounter as well as the risk of contracting Malaria and / or Yellow Fever. However, vaccines and medication are available to protect them from such illnesses and tour guides will not endanger their group in the presence of a wild animal.

The climate of the Amazon Jungle is typically tropical; with hot, humid conditions both day and night (evening temperatures are slightly cooler than those of the daytime). It is very wet in this area, no matter what time of year (although there is, technically, a drier season between April and September). Visitors will need to prepare for these conditions, which can become uncomfortable, but are well worth it.