IEd: Close Reading Strategies:
Responding to Reading to Help Students Meet the
Rigorous Common Core Literacy Standards.

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Dr. Seuss, before he died,
Wrote a story that implied,
Teaching to tests was not the key,
To helping students think thoughtfully!

CCSS
Do we really want to stop here?
Assessment Continuum

Learning Goals for This Session
• Learn researched-based, doable strategies for teaching students to become critical, deep thinkers and readers.
• Walk away with tools you can use right away to deepen your teaching practice.

Routines & Procedures
• Sound of Coming Together
• Double Entry Journal
• Core Groups
• Norms
• Chat Chums
• Clock Partners

This is a Risk-taking, Mistake Making Classroom
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Inspiring Learners Strategies
Double Entry Journals

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| ! | Honor All Types of Learners |

Find Two Clock Partners

12:00
10:00
8:00
6:00
4:00
2:00
0:00

Find a 12 and 6 o'clock partner.

Core Groups

- Groups of 4 to 5
- Establish roles:
  - Coach
  - Organizer/Time Keeper
  - Recorder
  - Energizer

Norms for Today

- Respect Others
- Stay engaged and involved
- Professional Use of Technology
- Practice forming new habits of the mind that challenge the limits of your potential.
Let’s analyze CCSS...

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• WHEN IT’S TIME TO TALK WITH YOUR CHAT CHUM:
  • Sit Knee to Knee, Eye to Eye
  • Decide who is Chat Chum A and Chat Chum B
  • Let’s practice our first close reading with 10 X 2 from Project Zero, Harvard. Pg. 74

10 x 2  A routine for noticing details, listening and generating ideas.

2. Now, List 8 Power Words or phrases that demonstrate what kinds of thinking skills and knowledge students must have by the time they graduate. 1 minute
3. Listen to your chat chum’s list of words/phrases. Chum A, then Chum B. 1 minute each
4. Repeat Step One, but change pages. 2 minutes
5. List 5 or more key words or phrases to your list. Highlight ones that show up again from your last list. 1 minute
6. Share with your partner
7. With your Chat Chum generate a list of COMMON Expectations for thinking. 2 minutes

• Unpack the Standards
Which Anchor Standards?

Key Ideas and Details
  • (1) Evidence
  • (2) Main idea/details (summary)
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Craft and Structure
  • (4) Vocabulary
  • (5) Text Structure
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Integration of Knowledge and Ideas
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  • (8) Evaluation of Argument
  • (9) Analysis of Multiple Texts
Range of Reading/Level of Text Complexity
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Progression of Text-dependent Questions

Talk about it...

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• As an adult reader, when do you slow down and read deeply when reading non-fiction? Why?

• When do you slow down and read deeply when reading fiction? Why?
Stand and Share

What IS Close Reading?

- "The principal object of close reading is to unpack the text. Close readers linger over words, verbal images, elements of style, sentences, argument patterns, and entire paragraphs and larger discursive units within text to explore their significance on multiple levels. (James Jasinski, *Sourcebook on Rhetoric: Key Concepts in Contemporary Rhetorical Studies*. Sage, 2001)

Instructional Practices for Developing Close Reading Skills

- Make Thinking Visible
- Be Intentional and Transparent
- Develop Metacognition
- Teach Mindsets
- Model and Scaffold Instruction
- Build Accountable Talk and Listening

Assumicide

- Kelly Gallagher

Assuming that someone else has taught students the skills they need to learn effectively in your classroom.

Assuming that students will transfer skills they learned in someone else’s class into your classroom without helping them transfer the skills.

Apprenticeship Learning

Vital Skills Students Will Need to Develop

- Collaboration
- Discourse (Listening and Talking)
- Reflective Thinking
- Reading and Writing for Understanding
- Inquiry
- These Vital Skills must be taught, they do not emerge naturally.
The Core Curriculum
Deep Thinking
Procedural Knowledge

Procedural knowledge is related to the procedure to carry out an action. For example, a method to balance a checkbook would be considered procedural knowledge. Knowledge about “how” to do something is procedural knowledge. Procedural knowledge is instruction-oriented. It focuses on how to obtain a result.

- Math Core
  - conceptual understanding
  - procedural fluency
  - problem solving
- ELA Core
  - conceptual understanding
  - metacognitive processing
  - analytical reasoning

What is Visible Thinking?
Using thinking routines and visible documentation to deepen students’ understanding and comprehension.

Mindsets

Intentional and Transparent

- Intentional: YOU know why you’re doing what you’re doing.
- Transparent: THEY know why you’re doing what you’re doing.

Make Thinking Visible:
Develop Deep Readers and Critical Thinkers

- BE INTENTIONAL AND TRANSPARENT
- Develop metacognition
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- Build Accountable Listening and Talk

Winning Formula for Preparing for Close Reading Success

Mindsets plus Skill Sets equals RESULTS!
What IS Our Goal...

• EMPOWER
  NOT
• ENABLE

Develop Reading Mindsets

Dweck’s Research Shows...

• 7th Graders Struggling
• Group One
  Intervention: Study Skills Training
• Group Two
  Intervention: Mindset Discussion and, then, Study Skills
• Group Two Changed

Mindsets
Carol Dweck, Stanford University

Fixed mindset:
◆ Intelligence and talent are fixed traits.
◆ Talent alone creates success. Effort will not make a difference.
◆ You either get it or you don’t.
◆ Time is spent documenting their intelligence or talent instead of developing them.

LOOK GOOD AT ALL COSTS
Growth mindset:
 ◆ Most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work — brains and talent are just the starting point.
 ◆ A love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment.
 ◆ Consistent effort makes a difference

LEARN AT ALL COSTS

The purpose of anchor charts is for students to have ownership over their learning and to “anchor” unknown topics to their own own experiences. They are created as a teacher presents a mini-lesson and then referred back to over a lesson, unit or even year.

Why should you be INTENTIONAL and TRANSPARENT in teaching students about growth vs. fixed mindsets in relation to close reading?

I.S. STOP AND TALK: The brain retains 50% through talk

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How To Teach Deep Reading and Thinking Strategies...

Talk About It!
- What did you hear me say and see me do as I taught this strategy to you?
- Why do you think I did these things?
- Share.

Apprenticeship Learning
Gradual Release of Responsibility
“I do - We do – Two Do-You do”
Explicit Instruction and Modeling
Guided Practice
Independent Practice
Application

Less Strategies, Taught Deeply
- All students benefit from strategy instruction. Too many strategies taught in a short amount of time do not lead to transfer or independent performance of the strategy because students are not able to practice before applying them to content. Therefore, students should learn one or two strategies to allow for transfer.
- Students need to learn a reading strategy out of context of the content area in order to effectively assimilate the strategy. Once students no longer need scaffolding using the strategy, application to content area is possible.
- The model for strategy instruction is—direct instruction, practice using curriculum-free materials, and application to curriculum.
Meet with Your 6:00 Partner
Where do you need to grow to make thinking visible in your classroom?
Intentional and Transparent  Anchor Charts
Think Aloud  Model and Scaffold
Build Accountable Talk and Listening

If Researched-Based Strategies aren’t working...

- **I and T** = Be intentional and transparent. Tell students **WHY** these strategies work for the learning brain.
- **R and P** = Have clear and focused routines and procedures
- **Model and Scaffold** = Breaking the task into smaller steps and modeling
- **P3** = Practice, Practice, Practice
- Collaborative Partners can remind each other to check for these issues when trying new strategies

Growing Close Reading Skill Sets for Informational Text

Let’s Close Read

- Organizers come and get the following, one for each group member...
- One bag of markers per group, give each group member a marker
- One sheet protector per group member
- One Constructing Meaning form per group member
- YOUR JOB IS TO BRING THESE BACK TO ME AT THE END OF THE DAY!

Determining Purpose
Use a short passage
Focused Re-reading
Annotate
Text-dependent questions
Give students the chance to struggle a bit
Creating a Close Reading

Learners retain 50% of what they learn through talk.
Movement helps cement memory.

**ILS: Walk and Talk**
**Done Intentionally and Transparently**

- Walk and find a partner. (Same/opposite eye, hair, clothes)
- Talk for 2 minutes about a prompt
- Teachers float and listen for quality talk
- Whole group share
Effective Close Readers...

• Use powerful strategies to support deep thinking throughout the reading process
• Before
• During
• After

Effective Readers tap into their prior knowledge and know the reading purpose before they begin reading.

• Today, we are going to reading about Cyberbullying, the impact it’s having and what’s being done to prevent it. This is informational text that directly impacts your life. (Intentional and transparent)
• Our purpose for close reading today is to pull out key details, locate main ideas to deepen our understanding of information that is important to our world or our lives. (intentional and transparent)

Close Reading Jigsaw

• Move into Your A, B, C Groups
• First Read: Read silently the article on Cyberbullying
  — Post: it places that are interesting, Ahha’s, or confusing or where you have questions. 1, 2, 3
  — Share with your group members.
• Second Read (Each person needs to have the information)
  — A = List five most important facts you learned from this article
  — B = Define these terms: Cyberbullying, Harass,
  — C = Write three important questions related to the new information you learned.
• Regroup into your ABC groups, A’s share, B’s share, C’s share.
• Based on evidence in your articles come up with at least 3 solutions (Individual or Systemic) to the problem of cyberbullying.
• Homework Choice Project: Choose a creative way to get this important information to students in your school. Video/Skit, Advertisement, Webpage, Comic Book, Other? You must incorporate three facts and the key terms into your project.

Unpack the Standards

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Let’s Unpack Close Reading Techniques from this activity...

Create a Close Reading
- Determine Purpose
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- Focused Re-reading
- Annotate
- Text-dependent questions
- Give students the chance to struggle a bit

Progression of Text-dependent Questions

Teacher Determines Purpose
Pg. 52
- Determines the purpose for close reading
- Teacher chooses the text the students will close read
- Preps for reading the text.
  - What will be challenging? What skills will you need to model and scaffold
- What techniques will be used to provide support for going deep into the text

Selecting Text: Non-Fiction Text
ReadWorks

Non-Fiction Text
Scholastic Action Magazine
Leveled Non-Fiction Text
NewsELA

Before Reading
• What do you want students to do before they begin this close read?
  – Tap Into Prior Knowledge
  – Remember strategies they have used before
  – Or show them new strategies you will be trying
  – Other?

Before Reading Techniques
• KWL
• Think-Pair-Share (talk to self, a partner, whole class share)
• Write or draw everything you think you know about this topic.
  – Exit or Entrance cards
  – Learning logs or journal
• Turn to your Chat Chum and share other ideas you have for tapping into prior knowledge or getting kids into tough text

During Reading
• Effective readers...
  – Pay attention to the voices in their heads as they read.
  – Deep read with purpose to text dependent questions
  – Stop, think, hold information and check for comprehension as they go along. (annotate)

Annotation is a note of any form made while reading text.

“Reading with a pencil.”

Annotation slows down the reader in order to deepen understanding.
Effective Readers...hold information about their thinking as they read

- Pages 56-80 Strategies for holding information and ways to think while reading text.
- Report covers and Highlighters
- Constructing Meaning Guides
- Double Entry Journals
- KWL
- Post-its

If you want to teach effective annotation, begin with the purpose.

Then Develop Text-dependent Questions to Guide Annotations

- Answered through close reading
- Evidence comes from text, not information from outside sources
- Understanding beyond basic facts
- Not recall!

Which of the following questions require students to read the text closely?

1. If you were present at the signing of the Declaration of Independence, what would you do?
2. What are the reasons listed in the preamble for supporting their argument to separate from Great Britain?
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Determining What and How to Annotate
- WHAT: Determine your purpose for reading and which Common Core Standard you want to address, keeping in mind progressions from Anchor Standard 1 - Anchor Standard 10.
- WHAT: Determine what skills students will need that you want them to use as they read. (predict, infer, persuade, etc) Pages 54-55, 72-73.
- HOW: Select the strategies you want to use to best meet your purpose.
- HOW: Model and scaffold. I do, we do, two do, you do!
- Core Groups: Share a technique you’ve used to annotate and held information, or talk about which of the techniques you’ve learned thus far would work with your students.

Don’t’ Forget!
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After Reading
- Effective readers...
  - Are able to summarize what they read in their own words
  - Answer and discuss deep questions verbally and in writing.
  - Apply, create, analyze, synthesize
  - Pages 65-67, 76-80 help build deep questioning skills
  - Core Groups: Share an awesome CREATIVE project you’ve done with your students as a way to wrap up what you’ve been reading.

Opinions and Inter-textual
Connections in Kindergarten

Narrative
Is this a happy story or a sad one? How do you know?

Informational
How are these two books similar? How are they different?

We’re Going to Try This Thinking Routine

We’re Going to Try This Thinking Routine
Text 1: Key Ideas and Details: Determine Central Ideas

- Read Natalie Merchant’s song “Wonder.”
- As you read a second time, highlight words or phrases that you think related to the main idea of this song. Post-it or write WHY you think this.
- With your core group, create a dynamic headline that captures what you think is the gist or essence of the message in this song means. (Central Idea)
- Think HEADLINES, so @ 20 words or less.

Text Two: Craft and Structure

- Read the “Wonder” excerpt.
- What feeling arose in you as you read?
- Post-It or write on the side. What you think the author does as a writer to create those feelings?

Unpack the Standards
Are there other Anchor Standards we could teach?

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Our Purpose: Comparing Texts

- With Your Chat Chums:
  - What is similar in terms of subject matter, theme, purpose, tone, etc.
  - What is different (In terms of the above.)
  - How does reading the two side by side make you see or understand things you might not if you read them separately?
  - Why do you think Palacio chose to weave her novel around Merchant’s song?
  - What questions do these texts and their content raise for you?
  - What reactions do you have to them, either individually or together?
  - Think about they Cyberbullying article. Do you think reading these texts could impact students who cyberbully? Explain your thinking.

Argument and Inter-textual Connection

Novel
- Is it our responsibility to change the way we look at people who have handicaps?
- Can a song lead us to deeper compassion and understanding than a book?
- Why?

Song
The Common Core State Standards place an importance on academic vocabulary.

- We know that vocabulary knowledge influences fluency, comprehension, and student achievement. And, vocabulary plays an even more important role in understanding nonfiction and informational text.
- It has been estimated that 80% of comprehension in nonfiction is dependent upon understanding the vocabulary.

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<td>Oh yeah! I know the meaning of the word in context.</td>
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<td>Yes! I understand the word, but don't really use it.</td>
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<td>Mine! I use the word in my speech and writing.</td>
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Let’s practice...
- Knee to Knee
- Eye to Eye
- Where do you think we get on this chart when our primary vocabulary instruction is Fill In the Blank, Copy Words and Definitions, Matching Tests?

Curiosity Killer!
- Looking words up in the dictionary. Copying words and doing matching tests.
Vocabulary: Teach So Students Own It

- Determine Most Essential Words
- Teach less, rather than more words. Students can learn more words deeply rather than lots of words they have only memorized.
- Teach using techniques that get at understanding, not merely regurgitation of words
- Vocabulary and Spelling are Two Different Practices. Focus on MEANING, not spelling.

But which words do I choose?

- Tier 1 – Most basic words
- Tier 2 – In vocabulary of mature students
- Tier 3 – Words unique to a subject or content area

Beck & McKeown, 2004

General Rule of Thumb…

Tier 2 words are high frequency words
Found across content areas

Content Area Teachers: Focus on Tier 3 words most important in “getting” the Content. Best taught in context

CCSS and Vocabulary Instructional Implications

- Look through your CC Standards and pull out key terms most needed for deep understanding
  - Look for repeated verbs such as analyze, cause and effect…those Tier Two Words are the MOST Critical
- Create District-Wide Vocabulary Lists

Determine Essential Words for MLK Unit

- intrepid
- Espouse
- dissent
- eradicate
-Oracle
- pacifist
- parity

* I have a dream that my four little children will one day live
  in a nation where they will be judged not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character” – MLK, Jr.

Think and Talk About It!

- What do you do to build your personal vocabulary?
- While you are reading, when do you choose to find out the meaning of a word you don’t know?

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The Brain and Vocabulary

- To process and store the academic vocabulary of the standards, our students' brains require an efficient automatic memory system. This system, also called non-motor procedural memory, stores information that is repeated, such as multiplication tables, song lyrics, words and definitions.

Dr. Dr. Toilet Paper
Scaffolds to Close Read for Vocabulary Comprehension

- Dr. Dr. Toilet Paper
  = Describe
  = Restate
  = Draw
  = Review
  = Talk
  = Play a game

example: Apple
- D: Red, Sweet, Fruit
- R: It’s a real fruit that comes from a tree.
- D:
- R: It’s a noun, a thing
- T: Students tell apple stories
- P: Play Matching the Fruit game

Meaningful Word Work

- After choosing the most essential words in a lesson or in the unit, introduce the words in meaningful, real ways. This is where the close reading comes into your instruction.
- Students need to close read and play with words, love words, have time to ponder and grapple with new words.

Metacognition

- On a scale of 1-5 fingers, how well do you think you know and apply the concept of metacognition in your classroom?
Metacognition

Metacognition is thinking about your thinking, having a plan of action for what to do when you don’t know.

RESTATE: Now restate the term in your own words.

REVIEW: More on Metacognition
(Read “How People Learn” for more...)

- **METACOGNITION** consists of three basic elements:
  - Developing a plan of action
  - Maintaining/monitoring the plan
  - Evaluating the plan
- The more students are aware of their thinking processes as they learn, the more they can control such matters as goals, dispositions, and attention. Self-awareness promotes self-regulation
**ILS: Vote On Your Feet**

- Stand Up for Your Favorite Learning Style
  - Write It!
  - Talk It!
  - Draw It!
  - Move It!
  - Sing or Tap
  - Make Up Games

**Variety is the Spice of Life:**

- Have a variety of meaningful and engaging ways to have students chew on new vocabulary
- Teach to varying learning styles
- Students need to self assess and know how they best learn to understand the meaning of new words.

**Now Lock it Into Long Term Memory – Your Way!**

**Are You Linguistic?**

- Flocabulary: Educational Hip Hop
  - [http://www.flocabulary.com](http://www.flocabulary.com)
  - Free Trial
  - Pacifist - I don’t want no war, solving problems with a fist. I believe in talkin’ and healin’ ’cause I’m a pacifist.

**Are You a Visual Learner?**
Do You Need to Hear It/Talk It?

- Study Buddies
- Choral Chanting
- Talking to Self

Are You an Auditory Learner?

Flowcubulary: Pacifist
Don’t want no war solving problems with a fist.
I believe in hugging and healing, cause I’m a pacifist.

Do You Need to Move It?

- Kinesthetic
  - Vocabulary Charades
  - Matching cards
Movement

• Must show the meaning of the word, not just how to guess it.
• Pacifist: act like someone is being violent, then motion, “No!”

Do Games Help You Learn?

VocabAhead: Videos and Games for Studying Words. Great for Secondary

Free Rice: Study and Eradicate World Hunger!

CHOICE Leads to Autonomy Pg. 47

Concept: Learning Styles
Understand: We all learn in different ways, therefore need to find ways of studying that work successfully for our learning style.
Know: The key vocabulary terms for the unit
Able to Do: Find your learning style strengths
Activity: Choose the best way for you to study your vocabulary
Choose One of the Following Ways to Study and Learn Your Vocabulary
1. Draw pictures
2. Write a rap or a song or a story
3. Make up movements. (Charades, hand motions, a dance)
4. Make a game to play. Must have the rules for use.

All words must be connected to either MLK and the civil rights movement or to an issue related to rights in today’s society.

Developing Your Growth Mindset

• Based on what we have just learned about acquiring new words, what to you need to do to grow your vocabulary instruction in your classroom?
Remember This…
“The limits of my language means the limits of my world.”

Is all this work worth it?

- Brad: 6th grader, special education, high absence, low grades
- 7th Grade starts learning deep thinking strategies taught intentionally and transparently.
- 8th Grade: On the honor role!
- High School: No longer in special education!

Miss Bonkers was right! We can grow learners who are...

- Empowered Readers
- Deep Thinkers
- Life Long Learners