

# What Is Close Reading?

## 1. When doing a close reading, what should you pay attention to?

- The genre of the book and the background of the author
- The words and phrases the author uses and how they contribute to the meaning
- The design of the book cover and how long it is
- The number of pages in the book and when it was published

## 2. In close reading, why is it important to reread a text?

- To find new details or deeper meanings that may have been missed the first time
- Because you didn't understand the story the first time
- To memorize the text so that you can give a detailed report about it
- Because people in education say that it's an important skill so you should do it

## 3. What is one goal of close reading?

- To finish the book as quickly as possible
- To be able to quote lots of lines to your friends
- To be able to recite the book word-for-word
- To understand the text at a deeper level

## 4. How can taking notes help you when reading?

- It makes the reading process longer so that you pay more attention to every single word.
- It's an alternative to reading the book more than once when close reading.
- It helps you see what you've already read so that you don't have to go back and read it again.
- It can help you find key details, track patterns, and break down your thoughts.

## 5. Why should you reread a sentence or a paragraph when you are close reading?

- Because you lost your place so you have to go back
- Because you want to understand it better and make connections
- Because you need to find a quote to prove that you actually read it
- Because you want to share a funny part with a friend

**6. What advice would you give a friend who is learning close reading skills for the first time?**

- Only read the first and last sentence of each paragraph, and then go back and underline important parts.
- Try to read as quickly as possible so that you have enough time to take notes.
- Just skim the text so that you only focus on the big picture and ignore the small details.
- Take your time, read it more than once, underline, and take notes.

**7. What are the close reading skills?**

- Reading in different languages, understanding different fonts, and recognizing book genres.
- Recognizing letters, knowing phonics, reading fluently, and spotting tricky vocabulary words.
- Summarizing, making inferences, citing evidence, identifying author's purpose, determining the point of view, and explaining the main idea.
- Speed reading, skimming, scanning, underlining, and highlighting.

**8. Why is thinking about questions a key part of close reading?**

- To show that you're paying attention to the words
- To distract yourself from reading the book
- To help clarify and deepen your understanding of the text
- To have something to talk about when you're done reading

**9. How can underlining help you when reading?**

- You can underline the first and last word of every sentence because those are usually the most important words.
- It can help keep track of important points, making it easier to look back at them later.
- You can underline words as you read to help you pay attention.
- It's a way to decorate a text with colorful lines so you remember what you already read.

**10. What does close reading mean?**

- Speed reading a text quickly at least three times
- Reading a text carefully to understand details and deeper meanings
- Reading a text while looking for specific information
- Ignoring the details and focusing only on the main idea