

THREE CLOSE READS

Name: _____

Date: _____

Directions: Before you read, look at the “Pay Attention to” and “Questions” columns. Write your answers in the third column.

Article Title: _____ **Article Author:** _____

Overall question or idea to think about as you read:

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Reading 1: Skimming for Gist

This will be your quickest read. It should help you get the general idea of what the article or essay will be about. Aim for a minute of skimming.

Pay attention to ...	Questions	Your answers
Title and headings	What is this article going to be about?	
Images, image captions, graphs, tables	How do these add to your idea of what the article is going to be about?	

THREE CLOSE READS Reading 2:

In this read, you will pay attention to the information that most helps you understand the article.

Pay attention to ...	Questions	Your answers
Vocab	Pretend that you're the teacher. What words seem especially important to the ideas of the article (i.e., would be good to put on a test)? Identify at least three key vocab words.	
Major claim and key ideas	<p>What is the main idea of this article (that is, what is the major claim or thesis statement)?</p> <p>In addition to the major claim, what do you think are the three key ideas from this article? Explain these key points on the right.</p>	<p><i>The author argues...</i></p> <p><i>Key idea 1:</i></p> <p><i>Key idea 2:</i></p> <p><i>Key idea 3:</i></p>

Analysis and evidence	Historians need to use evidence to back up their claims. What evidence does the author use to support their thesis? Provide two to three examples.	To support their claim, the author...
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Reading 3: Evaluating and Corroborating

The third reading is really about understanding how the article relates to the idea or question you thought about as you read.

Pay attention to ...	Questions	Your answers
Knew it!	What facts or ideas from this article confirmed what you already know about this topic?	<i>I already knew...</i>

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<p>New stuff</p>	<p>In what ways did this article deepen your thinking about a topic or topics in world history?</p>	<p><i>This article added to my understanding of ... by...</i></p>
<p>Huh, who knew?</p>	<p>How did this article change or challenge your thinking about a topic or topics in world history?</p>	<p><i>At first, I thought...</i></p> <p><i>Now, I think...</i></p>