

Cold Read Strategies

Step 1: Make Predictions

Look at the title and pictures. Predict what you think the passage will be about.

Step 2: Preview the Questions

Read the questions only (not the answers) for this passage.

Step 3: Ask Questions

Read the WHOLE passage. Ask yourself questions while reading the passage. Who or what is the passage about? What is happening in the passage? At the end of every paragraph check for understanding. If you are unsure what happened, go back and reread.

Step 4: Find the evidence

Complete this step for each question: Read the question and all of the answers. Go back in the passage and UNDERLINE the part that PROVES the answer. Write the question # next to the underlined part.

Step 5: Process of Elimination X ☺ ?

Read each question. Put an x at the end of the question if it is not correct. Put a ☺ if you are sure it is the answer. Put a ? if you think it might be the answer.

Step 6: Check your work.

Reread each question. Go back in the passage and find where you underlined the answer. Check to see if your answer makes sense. If it does, go to the next question. If it does not, find the correct answer and repeat step 4. Check all answers.

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