**How to Read Fiction:**

As you interpret a story, make sure you follow the steps (to ensure your understanding)

STEP 1: SHOW NO FEAR

* YOU ARE A BOSS

STEP 2: READ THE TITLE AND STOP

* What is the title:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Based on the title, what do I think the topic/subject is:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

STEP 3: READ THE STORY ALL THE WAY THROUGH

* What is the conflict (main problem of the story)?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* When is this conflict resolved?

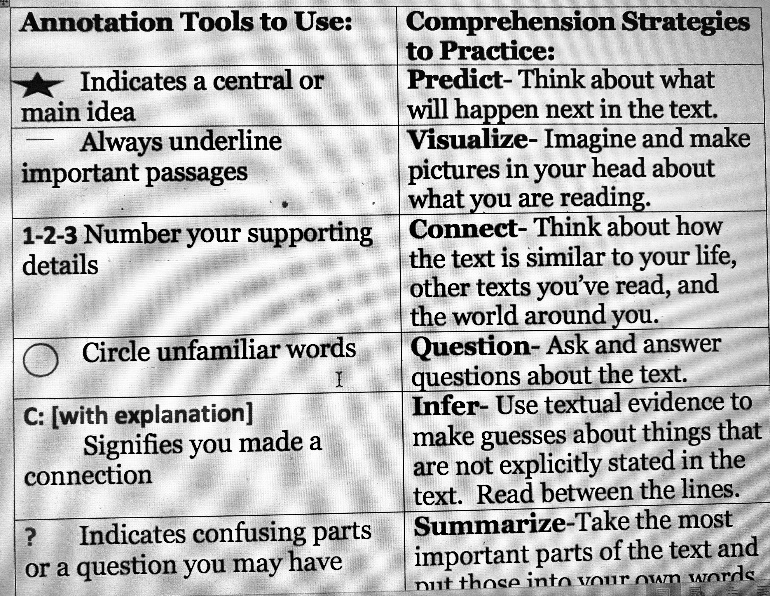
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STEP 4: USE A DICTIONARY TO LOOK UP WORDS I

DON’T KNOW

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STEP 5: ANNOTATE



* Read through the story again and mark stars, circles, and ? marks, for your annotation tools! This is also called a “codebook.” We are coding the article for interesting details.
* What do you predict will happen to the characters next?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* What line makes you visualize (see, hear, smell, feel) something?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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ANNOTATIONS CONTINUED….

* Connections! Does this text remind you of an event or news story? Have you read something relating to the topic? What event/news story/novel was it? Describe the connection: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* Questions: What do you wonder about? What questions do you have about the characters?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* Inference (educated guess): Why did characters say or do certain things? What motivated each character?

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* Summarize: What was the central (big) idea of the whole article? Who, what, when, where, why. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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STEP 6: IDENTIFY THE AUTHOR

* Author(s) name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Point of View the story was written in: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

STEP 7: CIRCLE KEY SENTENCES THAT SUGGEST A THEME

* What is the theme of the story?

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STEP 8: SUMMARIZE TEXT STRUCTURE

* EXPOSITION:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* RISING ACTION:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* CLIMAX:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* FALLING ACTION:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* RESOLUTION:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

STEP 9: READ IT ONE LAST TIME

* Which characters changed throughout the story? How does this support the theme?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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