Close and Critical Reading

“We Can Stop Bullies”

#1 What does the text say? (Briefly summarize at the literal level)

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#2 How does it say it? In other words, how does the author develop the text to convey his/her purpose? (What are the genre, format, organization, features, etc.?)

#3 What does the text mean? (What message/theme/concept is the author trying to get across?)

#4 So What? (What does the message/theme/concept mean in your life and/or the lives of others? Why is it worth sharing/telling? What significance does it have to your life and/or the lives of others?)