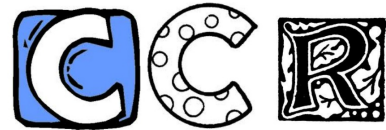




is divided into 4 questions:

1. The ability to **comprehend** (understand) information
2. **Analyze** how it is presented
3. Determine what the **Purpose** of what the author is trying to "say" and what it means
4. **Apply it** to your life (make connections)

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Close and Critical Reading

Informational Text Cheat Sheet



1. What does the TEXT SAY?

Summarize your story at a literal level:

** (Include story elements without listing them! Include details and examples to support) **

Characters, setting, main events, vocabulary, clarifying details, etc...

DETAILS... DETAILS... !!! DETAILS... DETAILS... !!! DETAILS... DETAILS... !!!



2. How does it Say It?

** include details and examples to support your thoughts. DETAILS... DETAILS... DETAILS... !!!

This includes the **genre?** non fiction

How is it organized? Text Structure: Problem/Solution, Compare/Contrast, Sequence/Chronological Order/Time Order, Cause/Effect, Description, Informative/Informational

What are some of the text features?

bold, italic, underline, color, titles, headings, subheadings, pictures, captions, graphs, diagrams, maps, charts and tables, timeline, bullets, list, table of contents, index, glossary, labels, etc...



3. What does the text mean?

** include details and specific examples to support your thoughts.

What **theme** or **heart of the story** or **message** is the author trying to teach you?

SAMPLES:

Don't judge a book by it's cover, determination, self reliance, environmental respect, patience, love, bravery, courage, honesty, friendship, thankful for what you have, try new things, etc...



DETAILS... DETAILS... !!!

4. So What does it mean to me?

Making Connections is very important when you are reading a story. There are 3 different ways you may connect to a story.

** include details and specific examples to support your thoughts.



Text to Text: Means how is the book like another book or T.V. show that you know. For example, Fudge is like the sister in My Little Sister Ate one Hair because they both eat things they are not suppose to eat.

Text to Self: Means how is the book like my life? For example sometimes I get mad at my sister just like Peter gets mad at Fudge.

Text to World: Means how is the book like something going on in the world. For example you are reading a book on Hawaii and you heard on T.V. that a Tsunami almost hit Hawaii that weekend.