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Close reading



Let's remember that critical readers and writers look closely at stories and use this information in their thinking, discussions, and writing. As critical readers, thinkers, and writers, we are going to read different stories to learn information about this topic to answer this guiding question: How can I make responsible decisions? As we read the anchor texts in this unit, let's think of information or ideas we can learn from the text that will help us answer this guiding question. We are going to sing our read aloud song. "It's time to read a story! A story, a story! It's time to read a story and learn something new!" Let's get started! We are going to enjoy an exciting story today, *The Busy Beaver* by Nicholas Oldland. Let's listen to the story about a busy beaver who learns how to be more thoughtful and less careless. Let's read the story to see what happens!

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Complete the first step of the Close Reading process **1. Fluent Read of entire text for joy of reading and fluency (intonation, expression, and accuracy).**

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Peer discussion



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Now we are going to go back to a few pages and look closely at the pictures and words to help us understand the story.



DO

Complete the second step of the Close Reading process **2. Read portions of the text closely for academic vocabulary, deeper understanding of topic, and annotate text.**

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Let's think about the characters, setting, and major events of the story. The main character (who the story is about the most) is the busy beaver. The setting (where the story takes place) changes throughout the story and the major events show that the busy beaver learns to make responsible decisions. Let's look at the text (or words) on page 4. Say careless. Careless means not thinking carefully or thoughtfully about what you're doing. When the busy beaver was careless about how he cut down trees, he hurt his friends and ruined the forest. He was not making responsible decisions. Think about the ways the busy beaver was careless in this story. Can you try to use careless in a sentence? Turn to the person next to you and share one way you can use careless in a sentence like the author of this story. Remember, when we are careless, we do not make responsible decisions.



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Text-dependent questions



DO

Complete the third step of the Close Reading process **3. Use annotations and text-dependent questions to collect information and check student understanding.**

Now let's think about the key details of the story. Think about this text-dependent question: Did the busy beaver make a responsible, or smart, decision in the story? How do you know? What evidence can you use to support your thinking? Be ready to share with a partner. Turn to the person next to you and take turns sharing your thinking.



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Read Aloud

Close Reading Process Anchor Chart

1. Fluent Read of entire text for joy of reading and fluency (intonation, expression, and accuracy).
2. Read portions of the text closely for academic vocabulary, deeper understanding of topic, and annotate text.
3. Use annotations and text-dependent questions to collect information and check your own understanding.
4. Use open-ended responses to check your own understanding of the text and how information from this text supports your thoughts on the unit's big ideas/ guiding question.

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