

Lesson 4

Close reading



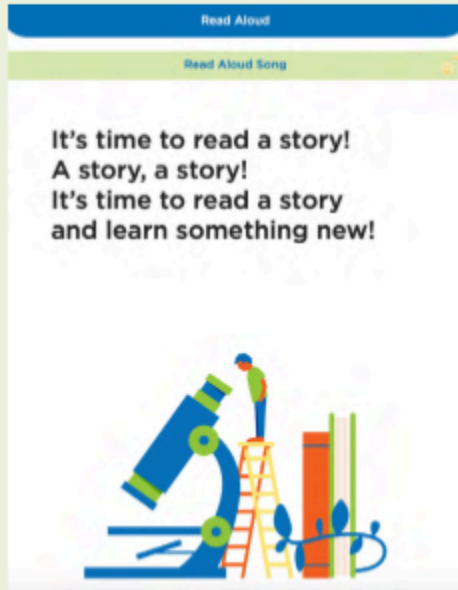
SAY

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!” 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 understand my feelings and thoughts when I experience different things in my life? 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. Let’s get started! We are going to enjoy an exciting story today, ***The Recess Queen*** by Alexis O’Neill. Let’s listen to the story to find out how the characters understand their feelings and thoughts when they experience different things.

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DO



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).**

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 retell the story with key details.

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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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In the story we learn about a bully and the lesson she learned about treating other people. Look at the text (or words) on page 22 and say the word dared. Dared means to have courage to do something. No one dared to stand up to the bullies in the story. Turn to the person next to you and share if you think the characters in the story understood their thoughts and feelings. Why or why not? Did the characters make the best choices? It is not okay or allowed to bully our friends? We will play nicely with kind words and safe bodies.



DO

Listen as students share to assess students ability to report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking clearly at an understandable pace.

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.**



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Now let's think about the key details of the story. Think about this text-dependent question: What are the most important events in the story? Use key details and evidence from the story to support your thinking. Close your eyes and massage your brains and think about your answer. What are the most important events in the story? Use key details from the story and evidence 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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This was awesome information! Let's go back to the text and annotate the evidence we have to support our thinking.



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.



Model for students how to connect their retelling of the story to evidence from the text.