

Science Close Read Protocol

The purpose of the Science Close Read Protocol is to help you understand science text more easily so you can get all the information you need from it as you read.

Before Reading

- (1) **Set a scientific purpose** for reading the text.
- (2) **Preview** the text.
 - **Look** for potential *reading challenges*.
 - **Plan** how to approach reading the text.



During Reading

- (1) **Read once** *for understanding* to see what the reading is about.
 - **Annotate** the text as you read.
- (2) **Read a second time** *for key ideas* that are the most important.
 - **Highlight** key ideas, then **annotate** them.
 - How do they address the reading purpose?
 - Why are they significant?



After Reading

- (1) Record the key ideas that address the scientific purpose.
 - **Write** them in your own words.
 - **Use symbols and diagrams** as needed.
- (2) **Jot down** new questions that the text raises for you.