



Close Reading Small Group Kits

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Create a close
reading routine



Grades
3-5



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Tackle complex text with an engaging, hands-on reading routine

Develop critical, analytical readers through a teacher-led, interactive, close reading routine in a small group setting! Our Close Reading Small Group Kits include the tools teachers need to model close reading strategies and higher-order thinking along with the texts and hands-on resources students need to develop a repeatable close reading routine.

- **Rich model texts and annotation kits**
keep students engaged during multiple reads
- **Teacher-developed materials** and preselected texts reduce prep time
- **Enrichment and remediation options**
support differentiation

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Meet the Developer

Jennifer Findley is a teacher, mother, and blogger. Jennifer believes that with the right resources, mindset, and strategies, all students can achieve at high levels and learn to love learning. Her goal is to provide resources and strategies to inspire you and help make this belief a reality for your students.

Learn more about Jennifer on her blog, jenniferfindley.com

How it works...

Differentiated Instruction

Included in each lesson are remediation and enrichment tips. This may involve guided questions, graphic organizers, or writing extensions for after the final read.

Engaging Text

Each kit includes grade-appropriate model text specifically selected for meaningful practice in literature and poetry or informational text.

Unique Museums

Name: _____ Date: _____


Most big cities have major art, science, and history museums. They usually display a wide range of exhibits on their topic. In a regular museum, that might be famous art or important artifacts. However, America is full of different kinds of museums, too. Some are weird. Some are bad on purpose. Some are very specific. Let's look at a few unique American museums.

Many museums try not to be too strange. They want to interest as many people as possible. That's not the case with the famous Mutter Museum in Philadelphia, PA. It is full of strange items from medical history. This includes over a hundred unique skulls. It also has the largest human skeleton available to view.

Many museums, like art museums, only put extraordinary or important items on display. This is not the case for the Museum of Bad Art in Boston, MA, though. The museum collects some of the worst artwork you could imagine. Many are portraits that don't even look like the person being painted! Still, the museum gets thousands of visitors a year.

Many museums cover a big topic, such as airplanes. Some museums focus on something really specific. One example of this is the National Mustard Museum in Wisconsin. The museum has collected around 5,000 jars of mustard. The jars have come from over 70 countries! It even has a tasting area where you can try samples.

The United States has some great "normal" museums. However, there are lots of smaller and stranger museums, too.



Close Reading

Asking and Answering Questions

Objective: To ask and answer questions about specific details of a text.

Vocabulary: Topic – subject of a text

Materials:

- ☒ Focus Prompt Wheel 1
- ☒ Model Text Easel, page 1
- ☒ Student Annotation Kits
- ☒ Unique Museums reproducible, page 6
- ☒ Creating Questions blackline master, page 7

Read the Focus Prompt: What is the main topic of the text?

Annotate: Have students describe the main topic of the text with the pink colored pencil.

Reflect: Discuss students' responses to the Focus Prompt and record answers on the Model Text Easel.

Optional: Have students journal responses in a journal or on notebook paper.

Sample Response: The main topic of the text is strange and unusual museums.

Remediate: Underline repeated words, phrases, and sentences on the Model Text Easel to provide clues for the students.

First Read

Read the Focus Prompt: What questions can you answer using details from the text? Which sections of the text help answer the most questions?

Annotate: Have students record 2-3 questions that are answered in the text with the green colored pencil.

Reflect: Discuss students' responses to the Focus Prompt and record answers on the Model Text Easel.

Optional: Have students journal responses in a journal or on notebook paper.

Sample Response: Do all museums display famous, important items? What is showcased in the Mutter Museum, the Museum of Bad Art, and the National Mustard Museum? The second through fourth paragraphs of the text answer the most questions because they provide details about each museum, such as its contents and location.

Remediate: Model a question using a paragraph or sentence on the Model Text Easel. Students then use the Creating Questions blackline master to write a variety of questions.

Second Read

Read the Focus Prompt: What questions do you have after reading the text? Where could you find the answers to your questions?

Annotate: Have students write 2-3 lingering questions with the blue colored pencil.

Reflect: Discuss students' responses to the Focus Prompt and record answers on the Model Text Easel.

Optional: Have students journal responses in a journal or on notebook paper.

Sample Response: What other strange museums are there? Why does the National Mustard Museum collect jars of mustard? I could find answers to my questions by reading an encyclopedia, looking at the official websites of the museums, or by visiting other strange museums.

Remediate: Model a question using a paragraph or sentence on the Model Text Easel. Students then use the Creating Questions blackline master to write a variety of questions.

Enrichment: Using either books or the Internet, students research the answers to their lingering questions. Students then write an additional 1-2 paragraphs in their journal or on notebook paper based on their research.

Third Read

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Amazing Kangaroos

From armadillos to zebras, the world is full of amazing animals. However, none are cooler than kangaroos. Here's why:

First, mama kangaroos have a built-in pouch to carry around their babies. How awesome is that? A newborn kangaroo is only about the size of a bee. Sometimes it's even smaller. A baby kangaroo is called a joey. A joey rides around in the pouch for about a year. It stays protected there and grows strong by drinking its mother's milk.

Second, kangaroos are known for hopping. Did you know it's the only large animal that uses hopping as its main type of transportation? They do it with the skill of a world-class athlete! Red kangaroos can move over 35 miles per hour. Some can jump as high as six feet in the air!

Finally, kangaroos are loyal and courageous. They live in groups called "mobs." They provide for each other and groom each other. Most importantly, they alert each other when danger is near. A kangaroo does this by stamping its big feet. If it needs to, the kangaroo will fight to protect the mob. It will kick with its big feet or even throw punches like a boxer.

Without a doubt, the kangaroo is one of the most unique and interesting animals around.



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Model Text Easel

Teacher uses the Demonstration Easel and color-coded, dry erase markers to actively model annotations and take notes to facilitate literacy discussion during small group time.

Annotation Kits

Each kit includes a Focus Prompt Wheel with prompts for 3 reads, color-coded annotation materials, and a bookmark with annotating tips.

ANNOTATING TIPS

First Read
Use Pink

Second Read
Use Green

Third Read
Use Blue

Use the colored pencils to take notes

Use the sticky arrows to flag details

Use the highlighters to mark details

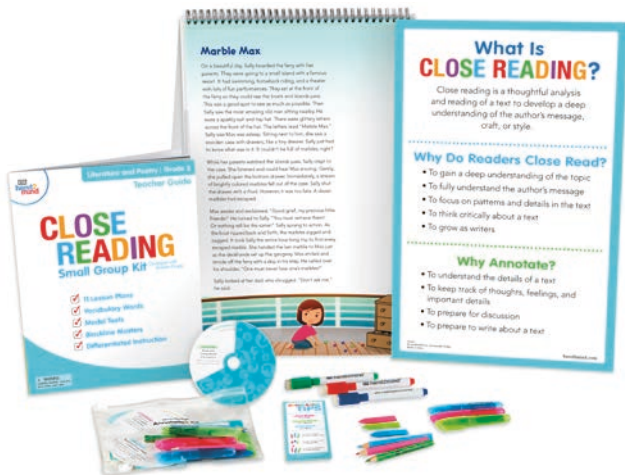
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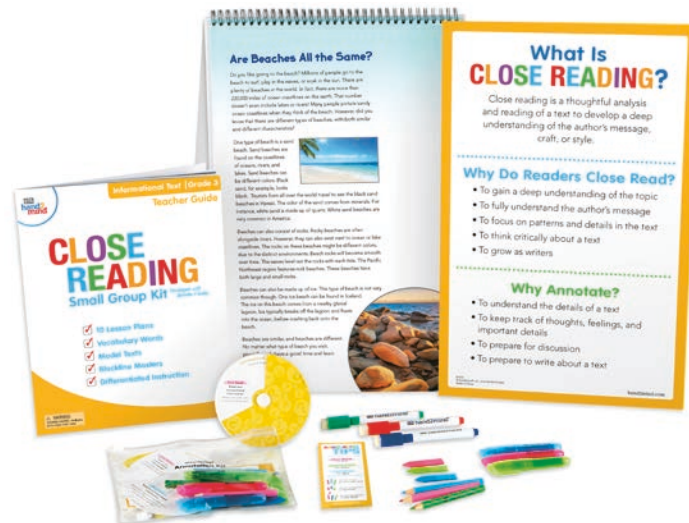
Sample Lessons
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Close Reading Small Group Kit: Literature & Poetry

Comprehensive solution for teaching close reading in an effective, engaging and hands-on manner with a focus on literature and poetry. Everything you need to successfully implement close reading in a small group setting. Includes standards-aligned lesson plans, model texts, graphic organizers, reading focus prompts, and annotation kits for 6 students.



Close Reading Small Group Kit: Informational Text

Comprehensive solution for teaching close reading in an effective, engaging and hands-on manner with a focus on informational text. Everything you need to successfully implement close reading in a small group setting. Includes standards-aligned lesson plans, model texts, graphic organizers, reading focus prompts, and annotation kits for 6 students.

Close Reading Small Group Bundle

Everything you need to teach close reading with this bundle combining our Informational Text and Literature & Poetry kits.



Close Reading Annotation Kits

Each kit includes a Focus Prompt Wheel with prompts for 3 reads, color-coded annotation materials, and a bookmark with annotating tips. Includes 30 kits.



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