Three Close Reads[1]

Directions: Before you read, look at the "Pay Attention to" and "Questions" columns. Write your answers in the third column.

Article Title: _____ Unit# :____

Article Author: _____ Lesson#:____

Overall question or idea to think about as you read. Come up with one question that focuses on the title of the article:

Reading 1: Skimming for Gist

This will be your quickest read. It should help you get a general idea of what the article or essay will be about.

Pay attention to	Questions	Your answers
Title and headings	What is this article going to be about?	
Images, image captions, graphs, tables	How do these add to your idea of what the article is going to be about?	

[1] Adapted from the OER Project handout with similar name.

Reading 2: Understanding Content

In this read, you will pay attention to the information that most helps you understand the article.

Vocab	Are there words you don't understand or recognize? Write those words here, and add them to your vocab tracker. You should choose at least ***three to five words***.	
Major claim and key details	What is the main idea of this article (that is, what is the major claim or thesis statement)? In addition to the major claim, what do you think are the three most important details from this article? Explain these key points on the right.	
Analysis and evidence	What evidence does the author use to support and extend the main idea or major claim? Provide two to three examples.	

Reading 3: Evaluating and Corroborating

The third reading is really about understanding how the article relates to the idea or question you thought about as you read.

Overall argument	In what ways were the author's arguments logical and credible?	
Connections	What facts or ideas from this article confirmed what you already knew about world history or the era question?	
Extend	In what ways did this article deepen your thinking about a topic or topics in world history?	
Challenge	How did this article change or challenge your thinking about a topic or topics in world history?	