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Worksheet: Analytical Reading Tool

Before You Read:

1. What is the document title? Who wrote the text? When was it written?

After Your First Read:

2. In several sentences, **summarize** the author's claims.

During and After Your Second Read:

Annotate and code the document by writing an **M** next to the main idea, a **C** next to any important concepts, and a **D** next to any supporting details. Space is provided below for you to record the most essential examples of each.

3. Author's main idea(s) (M)

4. Important concept(s) (C)

5. Supporting details (D)

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After Your Third Read:

6. Use what you have learned from the multiple readings and annotations to summarize the author's main idea. Your summary should be approximately 5–6 sentences.

7. What quote best exemplifies (illustrates) their argument? Choose one from the reading and write it below.

Re-read your notes.

8. Compare the first summary you wrote (#2) to the second (#6). How are they different or similar? This exercise will assist you in completing the next step.

9. After reading the text three times and analyzing it, decide which of the following terms best describes how the text changed your understanding of the topic (circle one of the words in **bold**):

Supports: Does the text support what you already knew?

Extends: Does the text extend your thinking on the topic by adding more depth or new arguments?

Challenges: Does the text challenge your previous understanding?

Answer the question that follows the term you selected by providing specific examples of how and why the reading supported, extended, or challenged your knowledge.