

## How Do You Talk To The Text?

Everyone has their own unique way for annotating a text and then using that information to be able to use it in their body paragraphs. The critical reading strategies that helps me better understand what I am reading are: Visualization, Questions, Connections, Identify, and Infer. When I read an interesting sentence I always try and relate it back to the Title, the general question, or Theme. These strategies will help me become better at being able to incorporate quotes of my choice in the three body paragraphs.

I feel that Kristof and WuDunn main arguments are about ordinary people making a change in the world little by little, and world travelers wanting to make a change for ones who seen life in different views and perspectives. The greater picture is that every story in the book are similarly related to each other. My main points helps me further explain their arguments in terms of me grasping what both authors are trying to infer.

In the book: A Path Appears by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, there are stories of people's struggles from the earliest age gap to them being almost in the 40's. They wrote this book to encourage everyone that you may struggle in life, but what you do what struggle will determine how far you allow yourself to get in life. The author states, "Afterward, he paid \$12,000 in tuition to a program to learn how to be an electrician, before becoming overwhelmed and dropping out. Now Williams is trying to pay off his tuition debt and hopes to

return to his studies someday.”(87) This quote explains that life happens to where we think that tackling more than one problem at a time is good for us, but it’s not. The truth is there will be times where we have to look at our plate and choose what dreams, accomplishments to put on hold until further notice and what to primarily focus on in the now moment.

Another quote that I feel connects to Kristof and WuDunn point about Transforming lives, and creating opportunity would be, “Hillary Rodham Clinton, always a passionate advocate of development involving women, launched the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, a public-private partnership that grew to more than 600 partners, including thirty-eight governments around the world.”(34) Hillary Clinton noticed what was going on and took action to the cause. Ever since Mrs. Clinton became Bill Clinton’s Wife I feel as though certain life situations have led her to become an advocate for situations that women face on a daily.

When I am reading any book I want to always keep in the back of my head what I am trying to find in the reading. How can I relate what I am reading to my life or anything that revolves around me. I feel as though this will help me become a great writer when having to be able to write on a teacher given assignment.

What I am learning as a reader is that books are speaking to where certain quotes are easier for me to use in any writing assignment I receive. I noticed that my writing is getting better to where I have to state a topic, provide factual evidence, and then back that up with analysis that will always connect back to my central idea. When I work on any class assignment I am making sure that any evidence I am using, or analyzing it will connect right back to the central topic of choice. I talk to a text by having an open mind that always leads me to figure out how I am going to use any book, or outside source within my paper.

## **Bibliography**

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