

Chunking Paragraphs

Also: Skimming Pre-read and Creating Questions

Using any article, or the article about the [SATs found here](#), students should perform the following steps:

- 1) Number paragraphs
- 2) A quick skim of the whole article - read first and last sentence of each paragraph. This primes the brain to know what to focus on, and trajectory of the piece
- 3) Read through a second time with the intention of chunking 2-5 paragraphs together with a consistent topic.
- 4) For each chunk, write a 1-2 sentence summary on binder paper. Set up the binder paper with the following headings:

Paragraphs

Summary

Question

- 5) When done with the summary, go back through the article and write a question that the chunk (and its summary) answers. This means three passes through the article.