

Close Reading: Applying the Strategies



Strategy #1: Contrasts and Contradictions

Unexpected or <i>contradictory</i> event or action	What the reader expected/anticipated	Draw a Conclusion: How may this impact the character or change the events of the story?

Strategy #2: Moment of Realization ('Aha Moment')

Event that leads to moment of realization	What the character realizes/notices	Inference: How may this impact the character or change the events of the story?

Strategy #3: Wise Words

"Wise words" or advice given to the character	Inference: How may this impact the character or change the events of the story?

Strategy #4: Memory Moment

Flashback or memory a character recalls or thinks about.	Inference: How may this impact the character or change the events of the story?

Strategy #5: Tough Questions

Questions asked <i>to</i> or <i>by</i> the character	Inference: What conflict does this question address?

Strategy #6: Again & Again (Recurring Object, Word, or Symbol)

Recurring (Repeating) Object or Idea	Inference: How may the author be foreshadowing (hinting at) what may happen later in the story?