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1 | Close Reading

Definition 1 · **Close Reading** Unpacking the meaning of individual words and phrases in a text.

Goals

- Unpacking the meaning of individual words and phrases in a text
- Consider effects of author's writers
 - W.r.t. the reader's experience
 - W.r.t. the authors too
- Connecting a part => Whole
 - Looking for connections
 - Look for implications
 - Look for how a text changes in its contexts "Marian's text w.r.t. Beigin nationalism"
- Also, a creative effort!

Framework

#important One way of close reading is to use the following framework:

Definition 2 · **Close Reading Framework** The Author uses X to do Y
Where X is a literary technique, and Y a theme or a broader point

When annotating, look for...

- Repetition
- Irony
- Metaphores

etc. But, remember that *this is only the X*. It is not enough to find a device, but you need to analyze *why* its there.

The assessment

The First Close Reading Assessment!

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