

Purposeful Reading Guide

Find the Purpose

- ◆ Is the purpose to persuade, inform, or is it to entertain?
- ◆ What is the author wanting you to know?
- ◆ Why do you think the author wrote the article?

Ask your Questions

- ◆ What questions do you think of while reading?
- ◆ If you could ask the writer a question, what would it be?
- ◆ What is the most important part of the article?
- ◆ What else would you like to know, now that you have read the article?

What about You?

- ◆ What did you already know that supports what you read?
- ◆ What questions did you think of while you read?
- ◆ What parts, if any, did you have to read again to understand?
- ◆ What did you do when you came to a word you didn't understand?

Make Conclusions

- ◆ What can you figure out from reading the story that the author didn't even share with you?
- ◆ What generalizations can you make, if any, about the topic you read?

Get to the Heart of it All

- ◆ What is the main idea?
- ◆ If you had to change the title, what would you change it to?
- ◆ What are two supporting details for the article?
- ◆ What is the most critical point you read?
- ◆ Write a summary of the piece, in your own words.
- ◆ Find and write the definition for one work you did not know.

Pull it all Together

- ◆ Did reading this article remind you of anything else you have read? What?
- ◆ What ideas or questions do you know have, after reading this article?
- ◆ If you had to explain this topic to another person, what would be the most important part to share?
- ◆ What other topic do you want to learn about, now that you have read about this?
- ◆ What, if anything, did you disagree with the author on? What did you agree with?