

Swanson, English 1A
Close Reading Exercise

KWL+

1. K: What do you already know about (insert topic here)?

2. W: What do you want/need to know? What are you confused about?

3. Preview the passage

Think about any gaps you might have in your knowledge

- What other topics are similar or different and what general ideas might you seek to understand
- What specific points do you want to know more about?
- What are you interested in discovering?

4. Begin think-aloud activity

While I was reading, how did I do?: (put and X in the appropriate column)

Not very much A little bit Much of the time All of the time

Predicting

Picturing

“Like-a”

**Identifying
Problems**

Using Fix-up

L: What did you learn?

After reading the text, record new discoveries about:

- What does (insert topic here) mean?
- Ideas from the think-aloud exercise
- The general topic
- Main points/ important facts

+: What more...?

Record any remaining impressions or reactions to the text including:

- Personal reactions (did you feel angry, sad, enlightened, or did you agree or disagree with the author)
- Questions (is something still unclear? Do you want more information on the topic?)