

Many Definitions

Close reading describes the careful, sustained reading and interpretation of text. It emphasizes and requires close attention to individual words, syntax, and the order in which sentences and ideas unfold (Core)

Close reading means analyzing a text “very carefully” crystallizing main ideas, and then drawing conclusions of making decisions based on your analysis

(University of Washington; Dartmouth University)

To *read closely*, students must learn “that to read well is to engage in a self-constructed dialog with the author of a text” (Elder and Paul, The Foundation for Critical Thinking, 2011)

Close reading the careful, sustained interpretation of a brief passage of text. Such a reading places great emphasis on the particular over the general, paying close attention to individual words, syntax, and the order in which sentences and ideas unfold as they are read (Wikipedia)