

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Florida Paths to College and Career

WORKING WITH EVIDENCE





LESSON 6

Getting the Gist

Steve Jobs's Commencement Address (Focus on Paragraphs 6–8 and Connecting to Chapter 6)

Long-Term Targets Addressed (Based on B.E.S.T.)

- I can explain how individual text sections and/or features convey meaning in texts. (ELA.6.R.2.1)
- I can analyze the explicit or implied central idea(s) and its development throughout a text. (ELA.6.R.2.2)
- I can track the development of an argument, identifying the types of reasoning used. (ELA.6.R.2.4)

Supporting Learning Targets

- I can get the gist, or central ideas, of paragraphs 6–8 of the Steve Jobs speech.
- I can explain how the speech is organized and why Steve Jobs structured it that way.
- I can choose details from paragraphs 6–8 of the Steve Jobs speech to track an argument.
- I can use evidence from the speech to decide if Steve Jobs is a credible speaker.

Ongoing Assessment

- Entrance Ticket: What Would You Title Chapter 6?
- Annotated Steve Jobs Speech
- Exit Ticket: Why Do People Have Rules to Live By?

Agenda

- 1. Opening
 - A. Entrance Ticket: What Would You Title Chapter 6? (8 minutes)
 - B. Unpacking Learning Targets (2 minutes)

- 2. Work Time
 - A. Read and Discuss Paragraph 1 (8 minutes)
 - B. Reading and Listening to Paragraphs 1–8 of the Steve Jobs Speech (10 minutes)
 - C. Getting the Gist, Discussing Credibility, and Identifying Vocabulary, Paragraphs 6–8 (12 minutes)
- 3. Closing and Assessment
 - A. Exit Ticket: Why Do People Have Rules to Live By? (5 minutes)
- 4. Homework
 - A. Read chapter 7 of Bud, Not Buddy
 - B. Add to the Tracking Bud's "Rules" Graphic Organizer

Teaching Notes

- In this lesson, students are introduced to the Steve Jobs speech. This lesson is the first in a twolesson cycle that will be repeated until students have read the whole speech carefully. In this first lesson of the cycle, they listen to Steve Jobs delivering a section of the speech while following along in their own text. Then they find the gist, discuss evidence of Steve Jobs's credibility, and identify the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary in a short excerpt. In the second lesson, they dig deeper into the short extract by answering text-analysis questions.
- Help students see that their gist annotations are their early thoughts about the central ideas and that as they answer text-analysis questions, they will develop a better understanding of central ideas and will be able to use them to track the development of the argument Jobs presents.
- Lessons 6–11 of Unit 1 are based heavily on the Forming Evidence-Based Claims units developed by Odell Education. For the original Odell Education units, go to <u>www.odelleducation.com/products-</u> <u>and-resources</u>.
- Students use the Odell Education Reading Closely: Guiding Questions handout to guide their reading for gist. Students should be familiar with this resource from Module 1; it is included again for easy reference.
- Due to time constraints, students do not read paragraphs 2–5 carefully for gist or to identify the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary from context; however, students may struggle with the following vocabulary in paragraphs 2–5: *relented, naively, tuition, intuition, subtle, destiny, karma*.
- In advance: Read paragraphs 1–8 of the speech, focusing on the gist, or central ideas. Prepare technology to play the video of Steve Jobs's "Stanford University Commencement Address," times 00:00–05:34. This video can be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=UF8uR6Z6KLc. If this equipment is unavailable, you can read aloud paragraphs 1–8 of the speech to students. Prepare a new anchor chart: Strategies for Determining Unknown Words (see the supporting materials).
- Post: learning targets.

Lesson Vocabulary

gist, credibility, central ideas; university commencement address, dorm, deposits, Hare Krishna, intuition, typography, typefaces, proportionally, calligraphy

Materials

- Entrance Ticket: What Would You Title Chapter 6? (one per student and one to display)
- Steve Jobs, "Stanford University Commencement Address" (one per student and one to display)
- Document camera
- Technology to display the video of Steve Jobs's "Stanford University Commencement Address"
- Video of Steve Jobs's "Stanford University Commencement Address" (<u>www.youtube.com/</u> watch?v=UF8uR6Z6KLc)
- Reading Closely: Guiding Questions (from Module 1; included again in supporting materials for this lesson; one per student and one to display)
- Strategies for Determining Unknown Words Anchor Chart (Teacher Reference) (new; teachergenerated; see the supporting materials for a sample)
- Word-Catcher (from Lesson 1)
- Exit Ticket: Why Do People Have Rules to Live By? (one per student)
- Tracking Bud's "Rules" Graphic Organizer (from Lesson 1)

Opening

A. Entrance Ticket: What Would You Title Chapter 6? (8 minutes)

- Display and distribute the Entrance Ticket: What Would You Title Chapter 6?
- Remind students that they did this activity in Lesson 4 because chapter 4 also contained no rules.
 Remind them that they first need to skim the chapter. Then they should think about what title they would give the chapter and why. They will write their title and evidence on the Entrance Ticket.
 Remind them that they need to justify their choice of title by using evidence from the text.
- Invite students to pair up with someone to share their titles and their reasons for choosing them.
- Cold-call a few students to share their partner's title and the reasons they chose that title.

Meeting Students' Needs

Reviewing the homework holds all students accountable for reading the novel and completing their homework.

B. Unpacking Learning Targets (2 minutes)

- Invite students to read the learning targets with you:
 - "I can get the gist, or central ideas, of paragraphs 6–8 of the Steve Jobs speech."
 - "I can explain how the speech is organized and why Steve Jobs structured it that way."
 - "I can choose details from paragraphs 6–8 of the Steve Jobs speech to track an argument."
 - "I can use evidence from the speech to decide if Steve Jobs is a credible speaker."
- Remind students what the word *gist* means (the central ideas in a text; what the text is mostly about).
- If needed, explain to students that an argument is a claim supported with reasons.
- Invite them to Think-Pair-Share:
 - "Given these learning targets, what do you think we are going to be doing in this lesson?"
- Listen for students to explain that they are going to be reading a speech by Steve Jobs, getting the gist of particular paragraphs, looking for evidence of Steve Jobs's credibility and then identifying the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary in the speech from the context. If needed, explain that *credibility* means something in Steve Jobs's background, such as education or experience, that means he is familiar with the topic.

Meeting Students' Needs

- Learning targets are a research-based strategy that helps all students, especially challenged learners.
- Posting learning targets allows students to reference them throughout the lesson to check their understanding. Learning targets also provide a reminder to students and teachers about the intended learning behind a given lesson or activity.
- Discussing and clarifying the language of learning targets helps build academic vocabulary.

Work Time

A. Read and Discuss Paragraph 1 (8 minutes)

- Ask students to sit in their triads.
- Distribute Steve Jobs, "Stanford University Commencement Address" and display it using a document camera.
- Invite students to read the title of the speech with you. Ask them to think and then discuss in their triads:
 - "Who was Steve Jobs?"
 - "What do you know about him?"

- Listen for students to explain that Steve Jobs started Apple (the company that makes iPads, iPhones, and Macs) and Pixar (the animation company). Students may also know that he died of cancer in 2011; if they don't know this, it may be appropriate to encourage a respectful tone when analyzing his speech.
- Inform the class that a *university commencement address* is a speech given at a commencement ceremony, which is an event for students who are graduating from college.
- Invite students to read along silently in their heads as you read paragraph 1 aloud, beginning at "I am honored" and ending with "Just three stories."
- Write these questions on the board. Invite students to discuss in their triads:
 - "What does this introductory paragraph tell you?"
 - "What do we learn about Steve Jobs in this introduction?"
 - "What is the structure of this speech going to be?"
 - "Why would he structure it this way?"
- Select students from each triad to share their answers. Listen for them to explain that it tells us that Stanford is a good college and that Jobs didn't graduate from college. We learn that Jobs is going to tell three stories in his speech, and he may have structured it this way because he wants to convince the new graduates to learn from his stories.

Meeting Students' Needs

Introducing Steve Jobs as a person and helping students understand more about who he was and his achievements that are relevant to their lives will engage students in the speech.

B. Reading and Listening to Paragraphs 1–8 of the Steve Jobs Speech (10 minutes)

- Inform students that the speech they just started reading was recorded, so they are now going to listen to Steve Jobs giving the first part of the speech (paragraphs 1–8).
- Ask students to follow along using their texts. Explain that in the video of the speech, Jobs adds a few words to the written speech. It is common for people who are giving a speech to add words in the moment as they interact with their audience.
- Play 00:00–05:34 (paragraphs 1–8) of the video of Steve Jobs's "Stanford University Commencement Address" without stopping.

Meeting Students' Needs

- Watching Steve Jobs give the speech will improve students' engagement with the text and give them a deeper understanding of the meaning through his intonation and the emphasis he places on words and phrases.
- Hearing a complex text read slowly, fluently, and without interruption or explanation
 promotes fluency for students. They are hearing a strong reader read the text aloud with
 accuracy and expression and are simultaneously looking at and thinking about the words on
 the printed page. Be sure to set clear expectations that students read along silently in their
 heads as they listen to a performance of the text.

C. Getting the Gist, Discussing Credibility, and Identifying Vocabulary, Paragraphs 6–8 (12 minutes)

- Display and distribute the **Reading Closely: Guiding Questions** handout. Remind students that they were given this handout in Module 1. Explain that in this lesson, they are going to look at the "Questioning Texts" row of the chart.
- Ask students to Think-Pair-Share:
 - "Which of these questions do you think will help guide our reading so that we can get the gist of an extract from the Steve Jobs speech?"
- Listen for and encourage students toward all the Topic, Information, and Ideas questions. (What
 is this text mainly about? What information or ideas does the text present? What details stand out
 to me as I read?) Highlight/check those questions on the displayed copy of the document. Invite
 students to do the same on their chart to be a reference as they read.
- Discuss that informational texts may have many *central ideas*, or important ideas. It is important to practice reading informational texts carefully to notice these ideas.
- Inform students that they are going to reread paragraphs 6–8 of the speech. Ask them to read
 along silently as you read the text aloud. As with other read-alouds, remember that the purpose
 is to read the text slowly, fluently, and without interruption. Don't stop to address comprehension
 or vocabulary issues, as these will be addressed later, and stopping would interrupt the flow of the
 text.
- Ask students to discuss in their triads:
 - "What do you understand from this excerpt so far?"
- Select volunteers to share their answers with the class. Listen for them to explain that Steve Jobs tells us how taking the calligraphy class had a huge effect on the rest of his life. They may note that he wants the graduates to believe that when they make decisions in life, "the dots will somehow connect" in the future.
- Cold-call students to ask how they have arrived at the gist before. Listen for: "We read one paragraph at a time, then paraphrased the central idea of the paragraph in the margin next to the text."

- Invite students to silently reread paragraph 6 of the speech for the gist. Ask them to Think-Pair-Share:
 - "What is the gist of this paragraph? What is the central idea of this paragraph?"
- Listen for them to explain that it is mostly about how he took a calligraphy class.
- Model annotating your text, recording the central ideas or paraphrasing in the margin next to paragraph 6 and circling unfamiliar words to come back to later.
- Invite students to do the same with paragraphs 7 and 8 of the speech, annotating the gist and circling words that are unfamiliar.
- Circulate and support students as they read. For those who need more support, ask them to practice telling you the gist of a section before they write it in the margin.
- Invite students to talk with their triad to compare what they wrote for their gist statements. Ask them to also consider Steve Jobs's credibility as a speaker.
- "Is Steve Jobs someone who would know about this topic? What details in the speech suggest that?"
- "Why is it important to consider the credibility of someone who is making a speech or argument?"
- Reconvene the whole group. Ask students to share, one paragraph at a time, the unfamiliar words they circled.
- Display and review the Strategies for Determining Unknown Words Anchor Chart (Teacher Reference):
 - Focus students on the italicized words and the accompanying glossary at the end of the page.
 - Read from the sentence around the word to help students understand the meaning from the context.
 - Read words from the sentences or paragraphs around the word that might provide context clues.
 - Invite other students to help you explain what the word means.
 - If these strategies fail, explain to students what the word means.
- Words students may struggle with:
 - Paragraph 6: dorm, deposits, Hare Krishna, intuition
 - Paragraph 7: *typography*, *typefaces*, *proportionally*
- Be sure to address these words here. Cold-call to ask students what each word means and how they figured it out. Direct them to use context clues when possible. If they are stuck on a word, model briefly to ensure understanding for all.
- Remind students to record new words on the **word-catcher**.

Closing and Assessment

A. Exit Ticket: Why Do People Have Rules to Live By? (5 minutes)

- Invite students to refer to paragraphs 6–8 of the speech and to discuss in their triads:
 - "Like Bud, Steve Jobs suggests rules. What rules does Steve Jobs suggest in these paragraphs of his speech?"
 - "What evidence suggests to you that Steve Jobs is an authority on this topic?"
- Listen for students to say: "You have to trust in something—your gut, destiny, life, karma, whatever. He knows about this topic because of his experience in school and in business."
- Distribute the Exit Ticket: Why Do People Have Rules to Live By? Ask:
 - "Both Bud and Steve Jobs have rules to live by. Why do people have rules to live by?"
- Give students a minute to think about how to answer this question. Then invite them to record their answers on their Exit Tickets.

Meeting Students' Needs

Using Exit Tickets allows you to get a quick check for understanding of the learning targets so that instruction can be adjusted or tailored to students' needs before the next lesson.

Homework

Read chapter 7 of *Bud, Not Buddy*. Complete the **Tracking Bud's "Rules" Graphic Organizer** for any rules you encounter in this chapter.

Entrance Ticket

What Would You Title Chapter 6?

Name: _____ Date: _____ My title for chapter 6 is I chose this title because . . . (use evidence from the text to explain your reasoning)

Steve Jobs, "Stanford University Commencement Address"

June 12, 2005

www.youtube.com/watch?v=UF8uR6Z6KLc

- [par. 1] I am honored to be with you today at your *commencement* from one of the finest universities in the world. I never graduated from college. Truth be told, this is the closest I've ever gotten to a college graduation. Today I want to tell you three stories from my life. That's it. No big deal. Just three stories.
- [par. 2] The first story is about connecting the dots.
- [par. 3] I dropped out of Reed College after the first 6 months, but then stayed around as a drop-in for another 18 months or so before I really quit. So why did I drop out?
- [par. 4] It started before I was born. My biological mother was a young, unwed college graduate student, and she decided to put me up for adoption. She felt very strongly that I should be adopted by college graduates, so everything was all set for me to be adopted at birth by a lawyer and his wife. Except that when I popped out they decided at the last minute that they really wanted a girl. So my parents, who were on a waiting list, got a call in the middle of the night asking: "We have an unexpected baby boy; do you want him?" They said: "Of course." My biological mother later found out that my mother had never graduated from college and that my father had never graduated from high school. She refused to sign the final adoption papers. She only *relented* a few months later when my parents promised that I would someday go to college.
- [par. 5] And 17 years later I did go to college. But I *naively* chose a college that was almost as expensive as Stanford, and all of my working-class parents' savings were being spent on my college tuition. After six months, I couldn't see the value in it. I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life and no idea how college was going to help me figure it out. And here I was spending all of the money my parents had saved their entire life. So I decided to drop out and trust that it would all work out OK. It was pretty scary at the time, but looking back it was one of the best decisions I ever made. The minute I dropped out I could stop taking the required classes that didn't interest me, and begin dropping in on the ones that looked interesting.
- [par. 6] It wasn't all romantic. I didn't have a dorm room, so I slept on the floor in friends' rooms, I returned Coke bottles for the 5¢ deposits to buy food with, and I would walk the 7 miles across town every

Commencement: graduation, in this case from a university

Relented: gave in; yielded

Naively: innocently and unwisely

Sunday night to get one good meal a week at the Hare Krishna temple. I loved it. And much of what I stumbled into by following my curiosity and intuition turned out to be priceless later on. Let me give you one example: Reed College at that time offered perhaps the best *calligraphy* instruction

in the country. Throughout the campus every poster, every label on every drawer, was beautifully hand calligraphed. Because I had dropped out and didn't have to take the normal classes, I decided to take a calligraphy class to learn how to do this. I learned about *serif and san serif typefaces*, about varying the amount of space between different letter combinations, about what makes great *typography* great. It was beautiful, historical, artistically subtle in a way that science can't capture, and I found it fascinating.

- [par. 7] None of this had even a hope of any practical application in my life. But ten years later, when we were designing the first Macintosh computer, it all came back to me. And we designed it all into the Mac. It was the first computer with beautiful typography. If I had never dropped in on that single course in college, the Mac would have never had multiple typefaces or proportionally spaced fonts. And since Windows just copied the Mac, it's likely that no personal computer would have them. If I had never dropped out, I would have never dropped in on this calligraphy class, and personal computers might not have the wonderful typography that they do. Of course it was impossible to connect the dots looking forward when I was in college. But it was very, very clear looking backwards ten years later.
- [par. 8] Again, you can't connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future. You have to trust in something—your gut, destiny, life, *karma*, whatever. This approach has never let me down, and it has made all the difference in my life.
- [par. 9] My second story is about love and loss.
- [par. 10] I was lucky—I found what I loved to do early in life. Woz and I started Apple in my parents' garage when I was 20. We worked hard, and in 10 years Apple had grown from just the two of us in a garage into a \$2 billion company with over 4,000 employees. We had just released our finest creation—the Macintosh—a year earlier, and I had just turned 30. And then I got fired. How can you get fired from a company you started? Well, as Apple grew we hired someone who I thought was very talented to run the company with me, and for the first year or so things went well. But then our visions of the future began to *diverge*, and eventually we had a falling out. When we did, our board of directors sided with him. So at 30 I was out. And very publicly out. What had been the focus of my entire adult life was gone, and it was devastating.

Calligraphy: the art of producing decorative handwritten lettering with a pen or brush

Serif typeface: style of typeface with decorative lines on the letters (e.g., Times)

San serif typeface: style of typeface with simple lines (e.g., Arial)

Typography: the style and appearance of printed matter; the art of arranging text in a space

Karma: good or bad luck, seen as resulting from one's actions (from Hinduism and Buddhism)

Diverge: differ; move away from each other

[par. 11] I really didn't know what to do for a few months. I felt that I had let the previous generation of entrepreneurs down—that I had dropped the baton as it was being passed to me. I met with David Packard and Bob Noyce and tried to apologize for screwing up so badly. I was a very public failure, and I even thought about running away from the valley. But something slowly began to dawn on me—I still loved what I did. The turn of events at Apple had not changed that one bit. I had been rejected, but I was still in love. And so I decided to start over.

- [par. 12] I didn't see it then, but it turned out that getting fired from Apple was the best thing that could have ever happened to me. The heaviness of being successful was replaced by the lightness of being a beginner again, less sure about everything. It freed me to enter one of the most creative periods of my life.
- [par. 13] During the next five years, I started a company named NeXT, another company named Pixar, and fell in love with an amazing woman who would become my wife. Pixar went on to create the world's first computer-animated feature film, Toy Story, and is now the most successful animation studio in the world. In a remarkable turn of events, Apple bought NeXT, I returned to Apple, and the technology we developed at NeXT is at the heart of Apple's current *renaissance*. And Laurene and I have a wonderful family together.
- [par. 14] I'm pretty sure none of this would have happened if I hadn't been fired from Apple. It was awful-tasting medicine, but I guess the patient needed it. Sometimes life hits you in the head with a brick. Don't lose faith. I'm convinced that the only thing that kept me going was that I loved what I did. You've got to find what you love. And that is as true for your work as it is for your lovers. Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you find it. And, like any great relationship, it just gets better and better as the years roll on. So keep looking until you find it. Don't settle.

[par. 15] My third story is about death.

- [par. 16] When I was 17, I read a quote that went something like: "If you live each day as if it was your last, someday you'll most certainly be right." It made an impression on me, and since then, for the past 33 years, I have looked in the mirror every morning and asked myself: "If today were the last day of my life, would I want to do what I am about to do today?" And whenever the answer has been "No" for too many days in a row, I know I need to change something.
- [par. 17] Remembering that I'll be dead soon is the most important tool I've ever encountered to help me make the big choices in life. Because almost everything—all external expectations, all pride, all fear of embarrassment or failure—these things just fall away in the face of death, leaving only what is truly important. Remembering that you are going to die is the best way I know to avoid the trap of thinking you have something to lose. You are already naked. There is no reason not to follow your heart.
- *Entrepreneur*: a person who sets up a business, taking on financial risks to make a product or offer a service

Renaissance: a revival or renewed interest in something

[par. 18] About a year ago I was diagnosed with cancer. I had a scan at 7:30 in the morning, and it clearly showed a tumor on my *pancreas*. I didn't even know what a pancreas was. The doctors told me this was almost certainly a type of cancer that is incurable, and that I should expect to live no

longer than three to six months. My doctor advised me to go home and get my affairs in order, which is doctor's code for prepare to die. It means to try to tell your kids everything you thought you'd have the next 10 years to tell them in just a few months. It means to make sure everything is buttoned up so that it will be as easy as possible for your family. It means to say your good-byes.

- [par. 19] I lived with that diagnosis all day. Later that evening I had a *biopsy*, where they stuck an *endoscope* down my throat, through my stomach and into my intestines, put a needle into my pancreas and got a few cells from the tumor. I was sedated, but my wife, who was there, told me that when they viewed the cells under a microscope the doctors started crying because it turned out to be a very rare form of pancreatic cancer that is curable with surgery. I had the surgery, and I'm fine now.
- [par. 20] This was the closest I've been to facing death, and I hope it's the closest I get for a few more decades. Having lived through it, I can now say this to you with a bit more certainty than when death was a useful but purely intellectual concept:
- [par. 21] No one wants to die. Even people who want to go to heaven don't want to die to get there. And yet death is the destination we all share. No one has ever escaped it. And that is as it should be, because Death is very likely the single best invention of Life. It is Life's change agent. It clears out the old to make way for the new. Right now the new is you, but someday not too long from now, you will gradually become the old and be cleared away. Sorry to be so dramatic, but it is quite true.
- [par. 22] Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by *dogma*—which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and *intuition*. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary.
- [par. 23] When I was young, there was an amazing publication called *The Whole Earth Catalog*, which was one of the bibles of my generation. It was created by a fellow named Stewart Brand not far from here in Menlo Park, and he brought it to life with his poetic touch. This was in the late 1960s, before personal computers and desktop publishing, so it was all made with typewriters, scissors, and Polaroid cameras. It was sort of like Google in paperback form, 35 years before Google came along: it was *idealistic*, and overflowing with neat tools and great notions.

Pancreas: a large gland behind the stomach that aids in digestion (and can be affected by cancer)

Biopsy: an examination of body tissue to discover the presence or cause of disease

Endoscope: an instrument used to give a view of the body's internal parts

Dogma: a principle or idea presented by an authority as unarguably true

Intuition: the ability to understand something immediately and instinctively

Idealistic: aiming or hoping for perfection, sometimes unrealistically

[par. 24] Stewart and his team put out several issues of *The Whole Earth Catalog*, and then when it had run its course, they put out a final issue. It was the mid-1970s, and I was your age. On the back cover of their final issue was a photograph of an early morning country road, the kind you might

find yourself hitchhiking on if you were so adventurous. Beneath it were the words: "Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish." It was their farewell message as they signed off. Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish. And I have always wished that for myself. And now, as you graduate to begin anew, I wish that for you.

- [par. 25] Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish.
- [par. 26] Thank you all very much.

APPROACHING TEXTS	I am aware of my purposes for reading:	I take note of information about the text:
Reading closely begins by considering my specific purposes for reading and important information about a text.	 Why am I reading this text? In my reading, should I focus on: ➡ The content and information about the topic? ➡ The structure and language of the text? ➡ The author's view? 	 What is the title? Who is the author? What type of text is it? Who published the text? When was the text published?
QUESTIONING TEXTS	I begin my reading with questions to help me understand the text, and I pose new questions while reading that help me deepen my understanding:	t, and erstanding:
Reading closely involves: 1. Initially questioning a text to focus my attention on its structure, ideas, language, and perspective THEN 2. Questioning further as I read to sharpen my focus on the specific details in the text	 Structure: How is the text organized? How has the author structured the sentences, lines, paragraphs, scenes, or stanzas? Topic, Information, and Ideas: What iformation/ideas are presented at the beginning of the text? What stands out to me as I first examine the text? What do I learn about the topic as I read? What do I think this text is mainly about? 	 Language: What words or phrases stand out to me as I read? What words and phrases are powerful or unique? What do the author's words cause me to see or feel? What words do I need to define to better understand the text? What words and phrases are repeated? Perspective: What is the author's/narrator's stance or attitude about the topic or theme? How does the author's language show his or her perspective? What is the author's personl relationshop to the topic or themes?
ANALYZING DETAILS	I analyze the details I find through my questioning:	
Reading closely involves analyzing and connecting the details I have found through my questioning to determine their meaning and importance, and the ways they help develop ideas across a text.	 <i>Patterns across the text:</i> What does the repetition of words or phrases inthe text suggest? How do details, information, characters, or ideas change across the text? How do the text's structure and features influence my reading? Meaning of language: What words or phrases affect themening of the text? What words or phrases are critical for my understanding of the text? 	 Importance: Which details are most imiportant to the overall meaning of the text? Which sections are most challenging and require closer reading? Relationships among details: How are details in the text related ina way that develops themes or ideas? What does the text leave uncertain or unstated? Why?

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Reading Closely: Guiding Questions

Strategies for Determining Unknown Words Anchor Chart

(Teacher Reference)

- Focus students on the italicized words and the accompanying glossary at the end of the page.
- Read from the sentence around the word to help students understand the meaning from the context.
- Read words from the sentences or paragraphs around the word that might provide context clues.
- Invite students to help you explain what the word means.
- If these strategies fail, explain to students what the word means.

Exit Ticket

Why Do People Have Rules to Live By?

Name: _____

Date: _____

Why do people have rules to live by?