

HANDOUT

Read the Word, Read the World

My Character: _____

Read the Word

Directions: Discuss the “Read the Word” questions with your group. Record evidence from the text that supports your reasoning in the middle column. Then explain your thinking in the right-hand column. (Group members might have different ideas for the final column.)

Read the Word	Discussion Questions	Quotes and Notes	What makes you say that?
Conflict	What problems, struggles, and/or conflicts does the character face? Are the conflicts internal, external, or a combination of the two?		

<p>Perspective</p>	<p>What does the character think, feel, and believe about what they are experiencing? Do other characters have similar or different perspectives?</p>		
<p>Scene</p>	<p>What is a key scene in the text where the author develops a central conflict you identified? Reread the scene and then discuss the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What emotions is the character feeling? • Is the character succeeding or failing? What makes you say that? • What is the source of conflict? • What is the character learning about themselves and/or their world? 		

Theme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="426 212 1856 289">1. What messages or big ideas are you taking away from this text? In other words, what might the author want you to think about as you read? <li data-bbox="426 578 1808 654">2. How does close-reading a scene by identifying the conflict and perspectives help you answer these questions?
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Read the World

Directions: Choose **one** of the following questions to respond to in a written reflection. Then represent your ideas with a quick sketch. It might be a symbol, a drawing, or a combination of words and images. You will be sharing your ideas with your group members.

Questions	My Reflection	My Sketch
<p>What is the most valuable idea in this text? What makes you say that?</p> <p>What lesson(s) does this text teach you about yourself, your community, or your world? What makes you say that?</p> <p>How does this text help you make sense of something going on in the world today?</p>		