

WHY YOU READ DETERMINES HOW YOU READ



1. Discussion

2. Familiarity

a, b, c, or d?

3. Multiple-Choice Test

4. Essay Test

5. Presentation

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PUT IT ALL TOGETHER

Putting together everything you've learned is known as synthesizing information.

Synthesis involves organizing all the information and comparing and contrasting important ideas.



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WHAT DOES THE BOOK FOCUS ON?

1. Sequence or Chronological Order

June 1914	July 1914	August 1914
Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia	Russia mobilizes along German border	Germany invades Belgium
Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia	Germany declares war on Russia and France	England declares war on Germany
July 1914	August 1914	August 1914

2. Geography



3. Cause/Effect

French and Indian War	Colonial taxation
	American Revolution

4. Compare/Contrast



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COLLECT THE CLUES

Just as a detective has to collect clues to solve a crime, readers must also collect textual clues to discover more information.

Be sure to verify your clue by identifying what the book says. Sometimes the book gives the exact answer; other times, it only gives hints.



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WHAT DO YOU ALREADY KNOW?

1. What else have you read about the subject?



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2. What does the book say about the subject?



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3. Was your prior knowledge right, wrong, or do you need more information?

- RIGHT
- WRONG
- MORE INFO

DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

Can you summarize what the reading was about in a few sentences?

YES ↓

Does the text make sense?
Does your summary make sense?

YES ↓

Deeper understanding:
1. What do you still not know?
2. What other readings does this remind you of?

Go back and reread

NO

Reread the confusing part

NO

Get more information by reading further in the text

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