Close Reading Strategies

(KEEP IN WRITER”S NOTEBOOK!)

1. Number the paragraphs.
2. Chunk the text.
3. Underline and circle… with a purpose.

- “Key terms” in the text. Key terms as words that: 1. Are defined. 2. Are repeated throughout the text. 3. If you only circled five key terms in the entire text, you would have a pretty good idea about what the entire text is about.

4. Left margin: What is the author SAYING?

Summaries in 10-words or less. Use "chunking" - summarize each paragraph in 10 words or less.

5. Right margin: Dig deeper into the text. Ask questions about text or questions you want to find out; (peer coaching could work here also.... "How is this evidence relevant?")