

Reading Plan of Attack

Tackling the Text	
Step 1	<p>Preview the passage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Read the title. ✓ Identify the genre and your thinking job.
Step 2	Closely read the passage with the thinking job in mind
Step 3	Jot a main idea that answers the thinking job.
Tackling Questions	
Step 4	<p>Read and interpret the question. (For multiple choice, do this with the answer choices covered).</p> <p>THINK:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) In my own words, what is this question asking? 2) What's my plan for answering this question?
Step 5	<p>Answer the question by coming up with a CLAIM supported by EVIDENCE from the text.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go back to the text and find and mark the best evidence to answer the question. • If it's a main idea question: Go back to the text and reread my main idea before moving on.
Step 6	<p>If it's an open response question: Plan, write, and re-read your response.</p> <p>If it's a multiple choice question: Read and evaluate each answer choice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are sure an answer choice is incorrect, and you can PROVE that it is WRONG, slash it! • If you think an answer choice might work, mark a "magic maybe" and come back to it. • When choosing between two close answer choices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reread each one. ○ Determine which one has stronger evidence to support. ○ Reread your main idea and determine which answer best supports the main idea of the entire passage. ○ Be prepared to PROVE why the answer choice you've chosen is the best one.