Critical Reading

“All reading is an active, reflective, problem-solving process.”
Tovanni

Surface Reading vs. Deep Reading

Just the Facts
Memorization
No Connection To Text
Accept Text As Is

Understand Bias & Tone
Connect Text To Self
Create Inferences
React to Text
“Any single text provides but one portrayal of the facts, one individual’s ‘take’ on the subject.” Tovanni

Step 1 – Read the text

Step 2 – Read the text critically/Annotate the text

Look @
Fact, Opinion, Belief Statements Underline/circle text
What details are included, Write in margins
what are not
How is language being used
Patterns used by the author
Connections to what you know
Any misunderstandings you may have
Your reaction to the text

Step 3 – Respond to the text
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How did the Vikings compare to the H.A.? Assumes I know about H.A. – obviously not a good group to be compared to…

Author does not like Vikings – look at the word choice here.

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