

Pre-reading questions: Think about these questions before reading

1. Preview the passage. What do you think it is about?
2. What do you already know about this topic?
3. What strategies could you use as you read the passage to help you understand what you are reading?

**INTRODUCTION:** GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING: STAND BACK & LOOK AT THE OVERALL TEXT

1. Identify the topic and explain why it is important. (This is your introduction)

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**BODY PART I:** PERSONAL REFLECTION: PUT YOURSELF IN THE TEXT

2. What is the biggest, most major point of the article? Explain its importance without using "I" statements.

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## **BODY PART II:** DEVELOPING INTERPRETATION: STEP BACK AND ANALYZE THE DETAILS

3. Discuss other points made in the article, or name a few conclusions you can draw from what you've read. Be sure to support your conclusions with concrete examples from the text.

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## **CONCLUSION:** CRITICAL STANCE: STEP BACK AND ANALYZE

4. What makes the information in this article significant to you, and to the world in general?  
This is your conclusion – the overall importance of the subject to the world, to posterity, etc.

The conclusion should strive to answer questions that readers (Old Man Tripodi) will raise:

- "Why is the writer telling me this?"
- "Why does the writer think that I need to understand his/her main point?"