

Planning a Critical Reading Lesson

1. Divide the text into sections

Be aware of:

Too much text

Sections shouldn't contain too many sentences

Multiple topics

Each section should ideally cover one idea

Unclear sections

Section breaks should be indicated on the text

2. Write a gist statement for each section

3. Develop the culminating question

Section	Gist Statement
1	The Venus flytrap eats insects because it doesn't get a lot of nutrients from soil.
2	The trap has leaves that close on big insects.
3	The Venus flytrap takes 5-12 days to squeeze insects tightly to dissolve their insides.
4	The trap only opens a few times and can catch few bugs before dying.

