UNLOCKING CLOSE READING:

ENHANCING TEACHER SKILLS FOR DEEPER STUDENT COMPREHENSION

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Which underlying comprehension process is needed to be successful in each skill?

Determine Importance

Make Connections to Background Knowledge

Make Inferences

Monitor Reading and Apply Strategies

- Identify the important information in a text.
- Find specific evidence from the text to support an answer.
- Fill in missing information that isn't directly stated.
- Draw a conclusion from the reading.
- Find the central idea of a paragraph as well as an entire text.
- Identify the key details in the text that support a main idea.
- Determine the meaning of words- figurative and connotative.
- Determine impact and tone.

Thoughts/ Questions / Connections:	

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Reflection Question 1: What do you wonder about your own students? How can teachers do this
(make reading demystified and transparent) better?
Reflection Question 2: How does this connect to what you already do? How could this impact
instruction in your class?
Reflection Question 3: What does your school data (and your own observations) reveal about
how students are understanding informational text?
Reflection Question 4: How could you take this back to your team to impact student learning?
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