

LOSE READING

Includes 4 high interest passages, three days of reading response pages, and an extension activity for students to complete.

The History of Pizza

Many people believe that Italians invented pizza, but the origin of pizza goes way back to ancient times in the Middle East. People would cook flat breads in mud ovens. It was popular because it was so quick and easy to make, even in ancient times. In 1522, in Naples, Italy they began to put tomatoes on their dough for pizza. This became the first modern form of pizza that we know today. This is the reason why many believe pizza was invented in Italy. So Naples, Italy is the home of the pizza we know and love today, where pizza first began.

Gennuardo Lombardi opened the first pizza shop in America in New York City in 1905. New York City was the most popular pizza city, with a few pizzerias but pizza was considered a foreign food until the 1960's when its popularity rose with the invention of the frozen pizza. Pizza was then easily made at home and became an easy meal. People that did not live near pizzerias were able to make pizza for the first time. It was easily accessible and easy to make too. In the 1970's pizza delivery services began and families could have pizza delivered right to their homes! Pizza was then considered fast food and became a convenient dinner option.

A variety of toppings, flavors, and dough have been created and tested and pizza is now one of the most common food items. Many families have a designated pizza night, where they order a pizza on a certain night each week. And September is even known as "Cheese Pizza Day," to celebrate the delicious meal.

Passages include The History of Pizza, Comic Book Day, Apple Season, Beyoncé Knowles.

3rd Reading The History of Pizza

Why are people easily confused about where pizza began?

Your schema

Evidence From the text

Your inference:

1st Reading The History of Pizza

What is paragraph 1 mostly about?

Evidence From the text:

Why was pizza popular in the ancient Middle East?

Paragraph 2 is mostly about:

- How pizza became more popular.
- The first pizzeria in the US.
- Different toppings on pizza.

Evidence From the text:

The main idea of this whole passage is _____

The History of Pizza Extension Activity



Scan here to watch a short video about the history of pizza.



If you could make your own pizza with any toppings, what would you choose? Explain why.

2nd Reading The History of Pizza

designated

Context Clues:

convenient

Meaning:

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Meaning:

Which of the following words could best replace the word **origin** in paragraph 1?

- Inventor
- Beginning
- First

What is text structure of this passage?

- Chronological order
- descriptive
- Cause and effect

close READING

Beyoncé Knowles 1st Reading

Beyoncé Knowles was born on September 4, 1981 in Houston, Texas. When she was younger, she attended dance class at her school and her teacher also discovered her talent for singing. She continued her love for music by entering talent shows and at the age of seven she won the school talent show, beating 5 and 6 year old competition.

When Beyoncé was eight years old, she joined five other girls in an all girls group that sang, rapped, and danced. The group was called Girls Tyme and they traveled all the way to Hollywood to perform in the biggest talent show on television at the time Star Search. They were heartbroken that they did not win the competition, but it was a great learning experience for Beyoncé and her group.

In 1995, Beyoncé's dad quit his job to manage the girl group. They cut the group down to four girls and they began performing as the opening act for other performers in the Houston area. They worked hard and did not give up, even though success did not come easy. They were ecstatic when they signed with a record label to record their first album, but were soon cut from the label.

They still did not give up and signed another contract in October 1995 and in 1996 the girl group, then became known as Destiny's Child, began recording their first album.

Their hard work paid off and the group found a lot of success, but in 2001 decided to take a break from recording music together. During this time, Beyoncé starred in a few popular movies, which skyrocketed her to find fame as a single artist, not as a part of the group. In 2003, Beyoncé released her first solo album that was filled with popular hit songs. Beyoncé won five Grammy Awards that year, which tied a record for the most awards won for an album. She later broke that record when she won six Grammy Awards in 2004 for her album, "I Am Sasha Fierce."

Beyoncé is now one of the world's most well known artists, not only for her recognition in music but for her contribution to charity as well. Through all of the struggles and the successes, Beyoncé has continuously worked hard in her career.

What was the name of the first girl group that Beyoncé was a part of? <input type="text"/>	Why did Beyoncé's dad quit his job? <input type="text"/>
When did Beyoncé find fame on her own? <input type="text"/>	Evidence from the text: <input type="text"/>
Evidence from the text: <input type="text"/>	Which album of Beyoncé's broke the record for Grammy Award wins? <input type="text"/>
In your own words, what is this passage mostly about? <input type="text"/>	

Digital slides available for all four passages, reading response pages, and extension activities in Google Slides.

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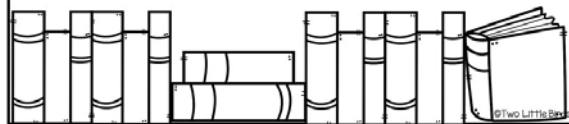
the **FIRST** reading...

what is
CLOSE READING?

Close reading is careful and purposeful reading through rereading a short amount of text. When a student reads closely, they dig deep into the text through multiple readings that lead to deeper comprehension.

The first reading should focus on the main idea and details of the text. The second reading digs deeper and focuses on the vocabulary and text structure and the third reading dives deep into the student's comprehension by making inferences, determining theme, and studying the author's craft.

By reading closely, student will have a better understanding of the text, leading to deeper and more meaningful discussions of the text. Students learn to annotate the text, reread text for meaning, answer text dependent questions and respond to the text in writing.



3rd Reading The History of Pizza

Why are people easily confused about where pizza began?

Evidence from the text:

2nd Reading The History of Pizza

Context Clues

1st Reading The History of Pizza

What is paragraph 1 mostly about?

Where pizza began

Evidence from the text:

The author states that many people believe pizza began in Italy, but pizza began in the Middle East in ancient times.

Why was pizza popular in the ancient Middle East?

It was a quick and easy meal.

Paragraph 2 is mostly about:

- How pizza became more popular.
- The first pizzeria in the US.
- Different toppings on pizza.

Evidence from the text:

What is a Family pizza night?

A designated night of the week when a family either orders or makes a pizza.

The main idea of this whole passage is **pizza was started in the ancient Middle East and has grown to become one of the most common meals.**

Close reading tips for each reading

Answer keys included