


 READING
Student Tasks:

- Read the assigned text carefully.
- Identify a key moment that reveals deeper meaning.
- Complete the three-column graphic organizer.
- Discuss your ideas with a partner or small group.
- Use evidence to support your interpretations.

Online ThinkCERCA Modules:

- Complex texts
- Tools for scaffolding reading (focus mode, translation, picture dictionary, online glossary, audio support, syllabication, part of speech, etc.)

Read Between the Lines

Uncovering deeper meaning in a text

Suggested Time 20 Minutes

Strategy

The *Read Between the Lines* strategy helps students analyze a character's emotions, motivations, and changes throughout a story. By using a three-column graphic organizer, students will examine the text for clues, make inferences, and draw conclusions about what the author is really communicating. This approach strengthens comprehension by encouraging students to move beyond surface-level understanding.

Optimal Application Notes:

This strategy is useful when analyzing character development, theme, and implicit meaning in a text. It encourages students to read closely and think critically about the author's choices. Teachers should model the process using a shared text before having students apply it independently.

Before:

- Select a text with rich character development or deeper meaning.
- Prepare three-column graphic organizers for students.
- Provide a guiding question to focus student analysis.

During:

- Students fill in the first column (*What the Text Says*) with a key moment or quote that reveals something about the character or theme.
- In the second column (*What I Infer*), students write what they think the character is feeling or what the author is implying.
- In the third column (*Why It Matters*), students explain the importance of this moment to the overall story or theme.
- Encourage students to share and compare their interpretations with a partner or group.

After:

- Facilitate a class discussion where students share their insights and support their inferences with evidence.
- Highlight different perspectives to deepen understanding of the text.

Read Between the Lines

Discovering Hidden Meanings in the Text

Instructions: Sometimes, authors don't tell us everything directly—we have to *read between the lines* to understand what characters are thinking or feeling. As you read, find a key moment in the story and write it in the first column. In the second column, explain what you think is really happening beyond the words on the page. In the last column, explain why this moment is important to the story or theme. After completing your chart, discuss your ideas with a partner to compare interpretations.

Key Moment from the Text (What the Text Says)	What I Infer (What's Happening Beneath the Surface?)	Why It Matters (Connection to Character, Theme, or Story Impact)
Quote or description from the text.	What does this reveal about the character, theme, or deeper meaning?	Why is this moment significant?