



# Close Reading the Panther Way: N-CUL-R



## 1. **Number the paragraphs (1, 2, 3...)**

You need to be able to cite and refer to the text in order to support your response. Begin by numbering each paragraph in the left hand margin.



## 2. **Chunk the text.**

Break up the text into smaller sections (or chunks) by drawing a horizontal line between paragraphs. Look at the paragraphs to see where natural chunks may occur. Group paragraphs by similar elements (e.g. paragraphs 1-3 may discuss the author's hook and thesis, while paragraphs 4-6 discuss supporting evidence).



## 3. **Underline with a purpose.**

Underline the main idea(s) in each paragraph. Reflect on the purpose for reading or the essential questions for the unit to guide your identification of the main idea(s).

## 4. **Left margin: What is the author SAYING?**

In the left margin, **summarize** what the author is saying in each chunk with brief phrases (7 words or less).

## 5. **Right margin: Look DEEPER into the text**

In the right-hand margin:

- ◇ **Describe what the author is DOING and why.** (e.g.

The author is describing, illustrating, arguing, comparing, etc... because...)

- ◇ **Make a connection** to something else you've studied or read in the unit

- ◇ **Write down a question** that you have after reading.

- ◇ **Jot down one word themes / central ideas** that came

