

OPTIC Method

Purpose for OPTIC

Not all reading is words. In fact, most of it is visual (we read signs, symbols, TV shows, and the internet). The OPTIC is a quick-hit exploration into visual images that allows you to secure an opinion, and argue it INDUCTIVELY (using the facts you find).

OPTIC - Evaluating Visuals

OVERVIEW

Give a brief overview of the visual. What is the point of view of the visual? Basically write a short descriptive one sentence summary about the visual.

PARTS

Focus on the parts of the visual. Divide the visual into 4 parts and examine each part separately. What details seem important?

TITLES (WORDS)

Create a Title? Explain what it has to say about the visual? Read all labels and any written words (if you can).

INTERRELATIONSHIPS

Using the title, what big umbrella concept connects the whole visual? Bring its parts together into a coherent picture.

CONCLUSION

Draw a conclusion about the visual as a whole. What does it mean? Why is this visual important to what we are studying? Be able to summarize the visual in a few sentences or a paragraph at most.

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