

<b>APPROACHING THE TEXT</b>  Before reading, I consider what my specific purposes for reading are.  I also take note of key information about the text.	<b>What are my reading purposes?</b> To examine how an author uses details to describe her life.		
	<b>Title:</b> The Story of My Life	<b>Author:</b> Hellen Keller	<b>Source/Publisher:</b> Doubleday, Page & Company
	<b>Text Type:</b> Autobiography		<b>Publication Date:</b> 1905
	<b>What do I already understand about the text based on this information?</b> This is written by Hellen Keller about her own life.		



<b>QUESTIONING THE TEXT</b>  As I read the text for the first time, I use guiding questions that relate to my reading purpose and focus. (Can be taken from the Guiding Questions handout).	<b>Guiding questions for my first reading of the text:</b> What details stand out to me as I read? What is the author thinking and saying about the topic or theme?	
	<b>AS I READ I MARK DETAILS ON THE TEXT THAT RELATE TO MY GUIDING QUESTIONS.</b>	
As I re-read, I use questions I have about specific details that have emerged in my reading to focus my analysis and deepen my understanding.	<b>Text-specific questions to help focus my re-reading of the text:</b> What does Keller think of her relationship with her teacher?	