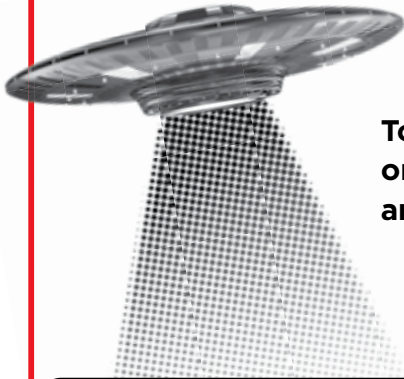


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Close Reading
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Read Closely

To deepen your understanding of a text, it helps to read it more than once. Use the close-reading checklist with “Do Aliens Exist?” Then answer the questions below.

CLOSE-READING CHECKLIST

FIRST READ

- ☐ Think about the main idea of the article.
- ☐ Put a star next to details that support the main idea.

SECOND READ

- ☐ Circle important words.
- ☐ Define any unknown words and key vocabulary.

THIRD READ

- ☐ Make connections to other texts you’ve read and your own life.
- ☐ Form your own opinion about the topic.

1 What is the main idea of the article?

2 What are illusions? Include an example from the article.

3 Do you think life exists beyond our planet? Why or why not?
