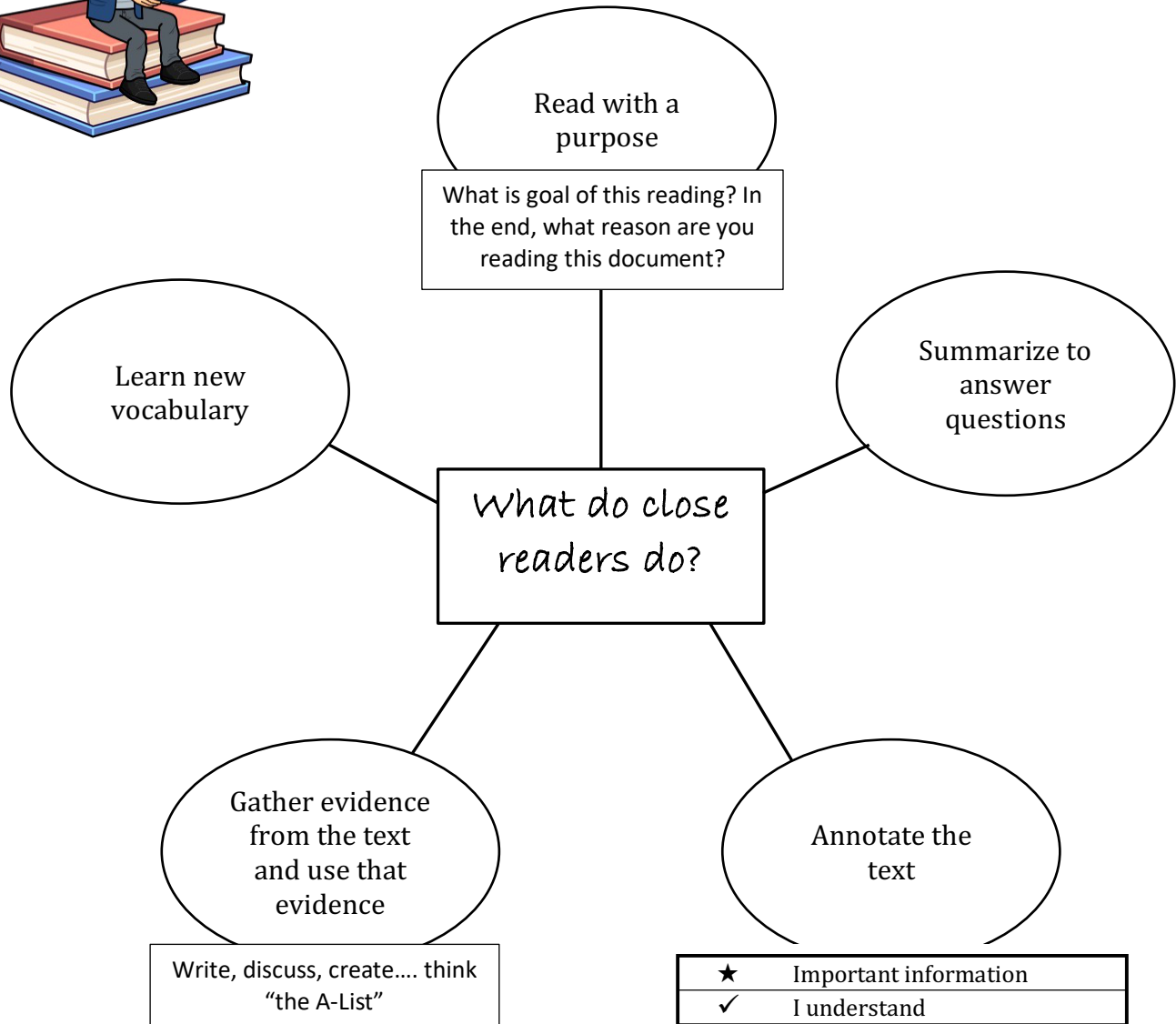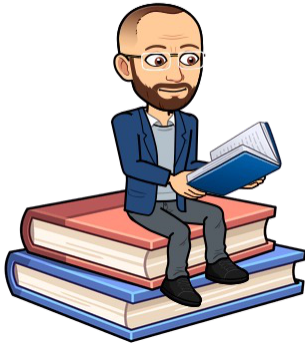# Close Reading

What is Close Reading?
Getting up close with a text and examining it more than just what you initially read.

Read with a purpose

What is goal of this reading? In the end, what reason are you reading this document?

Summarize to answer questions

Learn new vocabulary

What do close readers do?

Gather evidence from the text and use that evidence

Write, discuss, create.... think "the A-List"

Annotate the text

★	Important information
✓	I understand
◯	Unfamiliar word or term, also write them in the margin
_____	Key Detail/Date
?	I don't understand (Add a question to ask or look up)
!	Surprising

How to be a close reader:
1) Skim for unfamiliar words (Tier I words) (circle) and write them in the margin or space to the right.
2) Read the paragraph/text
    a) using context clues, try to define the unfamiliar words you circled
    b) annotate – annotate – annotate
    c) In the left and right margins is where your thinking shows. Write comments, ideas, definitions that you realize or figure out as you read.