

If you want to really enjoy literature, it's all about diving in and getting into the deeper meanings. Here are some tips to help you do just that:

1. Take your time reading the text. Don't go zooming through it; take a minute to really let it sink in. Pay attention to any imagery or symbolism the author is using to get their message across.
2. Try to relate to the characters and their experiences. Think about how their story might relate to your own life, and how the themes of the book might be relevant to you. This will help you get a more personal understanding of the story.
3. Do a little research to figure out the historical and cultural context of the text.
4. Discuss the text with others. Talking about the story with friends or classmates can help you to gain new perspectives and insights. This can also help you to better understand the text and appreciate it on a deeper level.
5. Finally, don't be afraid to read the text multiple times.,

Read the poem below then answer the following questions.

THE KITCHEN CLOCK

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| 1. Listen to the kitchen clock!
To itself it ever talks,
From its place it never walks;
“Tick-tock-tick-tock: “
Tell me what it says. | 4. “I’m a most obliging clock;
If you wish to hear me strike,
You may do it when you like;
Tick-tock-tick-tock: “
That is what it says. |
| 2. “I’m a very patient clock,
Never moved by hope or fear,
Though I’ve stood for many a year;
Tick-tock-tick-tock: “
That is what it says. | 5. “I’m a very friendly clock;
For this truth to all I tell,
Life is short, improve it well;
Tick-tock-tick-tock: “
That is what it says. |
| 3. “I’m a very truthful clock:
People say about the place,
Truth is written on my face;
Tick-tock-tick-tock: “
That is what it says. | 6. What a talkative old clock!
Let us see what it will do
When the hour hand reaches two;
“Ding-ding—tick-tock: “
That is what it says. |

Questions

Discussion

1. What does the poet want you to do?

2. What does he think of the clock?

3. Why is the clock considered “truthful” and “talkative”?

4. What kind of clock is the kitchen clock? What evidence do you have?
