**Reading Strategy: Understanding the Text**

Follow the steps to help you understand the text, ideas or statements.

**Step 1** – Reread and/or underline the confusing parts of the text, ideas or statements. (Underline only if using copies, not in textbooks!)

**Step 2** – Using the chart below, diagram the relationships between the parts of the text, ideas or statements.

![Diagram of relationships between text parts]

**Step 3** – Look up unfamiliar words and define them.

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**Step 4** – With a partner, talk through the text, ideas or statements, and explain the content.

**Step 5** – Reread the text, ideas or statements again. Summarize the information below.

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