

Reading Journal

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<p>Title of Article + Proper MLA Citation for Works Cited page</p>	<p>Fishman, Andrea R. "Literacy and Cultural Context: A Lesson from the Amish."</p>
<p>Summarize the article -- include your reaction, thoughts, anything to help you remember its claims. 100 to 150 words</p>	<p>Throughout the reading, Fishman is describing how literacy is taught, used, and matriculated in an Amish family. Fishman tells how this family, the Fisher family, is not your traditional, American mainstream family; they are a family of the Old Order Amish. Though schoolwork and education are overshadowed by house, field, and barn work, what literacy means to the family is still transmitted through many various ways. The different books, magazines, readings, text, writings, and articles littered around the house not only are works of literature, but they are also concerning their culture. So, as the children read, talked, and wrote, they learned their culture and literacy at the same time. This created a way to make literacy true to them as an Amish family versus an American, mainstream family.</p>
<p>Define new terms and concepts by quoting or paraphrasing the original author.</p>	<p>"redolent with the fragrances of chicken corn soup, homemade bread, and freshly baked apples..." - Because the word redolent is followed by the word fragrances and the list of foods, the word redolent must mean strong smell.</p>

<p>How does this reading connect to other articles from class and/or your own research?</p>	<p>This reading connects to that of Elbow. In “The Mother Tongue,” Elbow writes that the literacy taught within families, niches, and groups is real and correct to them though it may not be true to normal standards. Fishmam gives a prime example of what Elbow was explaining.</p>
<p>Based on the reading, craft one question to act as a springboard for class discussion.</p>	<p>How are other families transmitting literacy in their environments?</p>