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Triple Take

Directions: Read the **same passage three times**, each time with a new purpose.

- **First Read (Plot):** Focus on what happens in the passage. Summarize the basic events.
- **Second Read (Language):** Look closely at specific words, phrases, or images. Notice patterns, repetitions, or striking descriptions.
- **Third Read (Theme):** Think about the bigger idea or message the passage may suggest. Use details from the text to support your idea.

After each read, complete the questions below.

Passage (Adapted, Original)

The train screeched into the station, sparks flying as metal ground against metal. Elena clutched her ticket, her knuckles white, as the crowd surged forward. She had dreamed of leaving her small town for years, but now, with the moment here, her chest tightened. Behind her, the church bell rang, echoing through the streets she had always known. Ahead, the open doors of the train glowed with warm light, promising something new. Elena took one last look over her shoulder before stepping onto the train.

First Read: Plot Questions

1. What is happening in the passage?
2. How does Elena react to the situation?

Second Read: Language Questions

3. What words or phrases create strong images or emotions?
4. How do the images of the church bell and train doors contrast with each other?

Third Read: Theme Questions

5. What theme or larger message might this passage suggest?
6. Which specific lines support this theme?