**Task: Read an article from a quality newspaper\* and then work through the five point strategy below.**

**Learning Aim: To improve your confidence and ability when it comes to independently reading and analysing sophisticated non-fictions texts in preparation for the RfUAE exam in May.**

\*This can be done online

**Five-point Active Reading**

1. Identify what the main topic of the text is.
2. Identify what the author’s point of view is towards what s/he is writing about. Start off with identifying whether it is positive or negative, but then try to become more specific.
3. Identify the author’s tone throughout the passage (hopeful? disdainful? cynical? etc). Does the tone change at any point? If so where?
4. Using your own words, summarise what the main points of the article are (in bullet points). Use the author’s topic sentences to guide you through the author’s line of argument.
5. Finally, start to think about the techniques the author uses to get their point across and annotate\* the article. On each reading of the passage you should be able to add to your annotations. Look for examples of **interesting word choice, imagery, sentence structure** etc. If you are using an electronic copy of the article, quote and explain the effect and impact of at least five examples of interesting word choice, sentence structure, imagery, etc from the passage.

\*(to) annotate: to add notes giving explanation or comment. Isolate images and examples of interesting techniques and word choice and comment on their effect.