Unit 4

Name: _____

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Reader's Notebook

Reading with Meaning and Synthesizing

Before Reading

1. What clues tell you this is an opinion selection?

> Caption of the first picture (uses the word *believes*), uses "I think" throughout the selection.

2. What purpose might you have for reading it?

> Learn about chess and other strategies games, learn how strategies games can help you develop problem-solving skills.

3. What reading strategies might help you read and understand?

> Use what you know, predict, make meaning, synthesize.

After Reading

1. What is the writer's opinion? What does he want you to believe or do? Why? What is his motive or reason?

   Strategies promote problem-solving skills and are a workout for the mind.

   He wants you believe that chess is one of the best games for developing these skills, probably because he enjoys the game so much and has found it so helpful.

2. Did you find the writer`s arguments persuasive? Which ones stood out the most for you?

   Answers will vary, but could include the explanation of the games, the enthusiastic way the author explains how to play.

3. What strategies helped you to understand and think about his ideas and opinions? How did they help you?

   Using what you know (if the students have prior knowledge of the games discussed).