***READING GUIDE: THE BIG BANG THEORY***

**Characters:** Amy Farrah Fowler, Mary Cooper, Leonard Hofstadter, Sheldon Cooper, Penny, Howard Wolowitz, Rajesh Koothrappali

**Directions:** As you watch the episode, please answer the following questions. Use specific examples from the episode and concepts for the text to support your responses.

1. Analyze the relationship between Sheldon and Amy using Knapp’s Stages of Relationship.
2. List and explain some of the interpersonal conflicts of the main characters in the episode (incompatible goals, expressed struggle, denial, suppression, aggression, and status).
3. Is the communication climate supportive or defensive between the characters? Which specific communication climates did you see?
4. List at least two examples where perception comes into play.