



Read This!!

Reading

Effective readers are active and constructive because they:

- Have a purpose in mind as they read
- Connect the new to what they know
- Differentiate the most important from the less important
- Predict and/or develop questions and look for answers
- Dare to read critically

Effective readers use strategies

▪ **Before Reading**

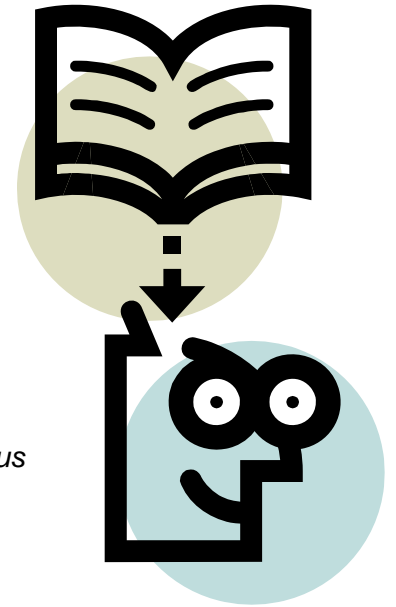
- ✓ Get rid of distractions
- ✓ Break into manageable chunks
- ✓ Set a purpose
Why am I reading this? (For class discussion, paper ideas, overview, details, etc.)
- ✓ Preview the text
Read title/subtitles, skim overview or intro & conclusion plus any study questions or vocabulary
- ✓ Activate prior knowledge by asking
What is this text about?
What do I already know about this topic?
- ✓ Predict

▪ **During Reading**

- ✓ Consider reading rate & adjust according to purpose
- ✓ Ask and predict in order to monitor comprehension
Try turning subheadings into questions
What are the author's main topics and subtopics?
What are the supporting details?
What is the underlying pattern of organization?
What is the critical vocabulary?
- ✓ Try summarizing each section after reading if material is dense
- ✓ Highlight, underline, and/or take notes (outline, tree/bubble, Cornell...)
- ✓ Write down questions you have & possible paper or test questions
- ✓ Take breaks if reading for more than ½-1 hour

▪ **After Reading**

- ✓ Write a short summary (few paragraphs to 2 pages)
- ✓ Possibly make flashcards of key concepts and terms
- ✓ Review author's credibility, reliability and evidence cited
- ✓ Review your perspective/opinion



READING RATES:

SKIMMING = fast paced reading used to get the general idea (read 1st & last paragraphs or intro & conclusion, then read 1st and last sentence of each paragraph)

SCANNING = fast paced reading used to look for a specific item or piece of information (remember to use index/table of contents!)

RAPID READING = used to determine main idea and a few details or when reviewing familiar material

NORMAL READING RATE = used for identifying details, important relationships, finding answers to questions or solving problems

STUDY READING RATE = used to master, analyze or evaluate information or ideas