

SQ3R READING STRATEGY



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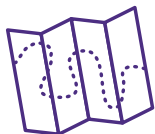
Survey

How

- Look over the material: title, preview, headings, visuals (charts, pictures), bolded words, summary
- Read the summary if possible
- Think about background knowledge or related information

Why Survey?

- Gives you the big picture
- Helps you decide what's important
- Connect information to what you already know
- Prepares you to read



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Question

How

- Turn headings into questions
- Ask yourself:
 - what?*
 - who?*
 - why?*
 - how?*

Why Question?

- Helps you stay focused on the reading
- Gives you an objective (looking for the answer) and creates interest
- Good practice for quizzing yourself on topics during review



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Read

How

- Look for answers to your questions
- Write in the margins
- Underline or highlight important concepts
- Break up the reading into chunks
- Take breaks when needed

Why Read?

- To get information from the textbook (!)
- Good preparation for your lectures & discussions
- It's an essential part of test preparation



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Recite

How

- Say it out loud in your own words
- Write a summary of the paragraph or section
- Write key ideas as flash cards or 3x5 notes
- Create a mind map or graphic organizer of the ideas and how they relate

Why Recite?

- Helps you retain information after you read it
- Checks for your level of understanding
- A way to interact with your reading... and stay awake



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Review

How

- Look over your readings or notes and quiz yourself on the information
- Make connections between readings and notes from class
- Revisit weekly and test yourself on new and old material each week

Why Review?

- It helps you retain new information from week to week
- To prepare for exams, papers and assignments

