

PREVIEWING

What to do *BEFORE* reading

- Read the title
- Read the introduction or first paragraph
- Read the boldface or colored headings
- Read the first sentence under each heading or subtitle
- Notice text features – colors, banners, numbers, and bullets
- Notice charts, graphs, pictures (and captions), tables, maps, and legends
- Read the last paragraph or summary
- Scan end of chapter/section/article for summary questions or vocabulary lists

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What to do *AFTER* reading

- Reread key or main points in your notes or text
- Rewrite, paraphrase or reorganize your notes or highlighted text on a graphic organizer
- Schedule review time of your notes or organizers in the future to “cement” the knowledge in your memory
- Ask questions – “What did the author say? How could I explain this to someone else? What does this mean in relation to...?”
- Synthesize your reading; create your own ideas from what you’ve read

Adapted from:

- http://teacher.scholastic.com/LessonPlans/pdf/oct_nov05/9SixComprehension.pdf
- https://www.mindtools.com/pages/article/newISS_05.htm

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