

Strategies for Active Reading

Consider which of these strategies works best for you!

Ask yourself pre-reading questions. What is the topic? What do you know about it? Why has the reading been assigned?

Identify and define unfamiliar terms.

Bracket main ideas or the thesis of the reading, and put an asterisk next to it. Pay attention to the introduction or opening paragraphs to locate this information.

Put down the highlighter and make marginal notes or comments instead. When you feel the urge to highlight, write it down instead. Summarize text, ask questions, agree or disagree with