

Reading for Comprehension

Before Reading:

- Do a quick preview of the assigned reading to determine how it fits in with the content of class
 - Reflect on what you might already know
 - Look at the end of chapter questions or summary if available

During Reading:

- Read selectively
 - Look for headings and subheadings
 - Pay attention to bold, italicized, or underlined words
 - Review the first and last sentence of each paragraph
- Take notes
 - This helps you think more deeply about the information because you are putting it into your own words
- Don't ignore visual aids
 - Charts, graphs, and diagrams all help us 'see' the information by delivering it to the brain in a different way

After Reading:

- Do a quick review of notes/highlights
 - This helps lock the information into our brain since the highest chance of forgetting information takes place after we stop focusing
- Seek outside sources
 - If any information you read was unclear or confusing, go to another source (other books, instructor, tutor)

