

## ACTIVE READING SKILLS

### SCIENCE ORIENTED

1. Go for the main point, don't get lost in details
2. Read section headings-make questions from them
3. Understand all the points that the conclusion makes
4. Read with a dictionary handy; don't be afraid to read something several times to understand it.
5. Look over your questions and items that you are still not sure about ask your professor.
6. Talk to other people about the reading-it helps to talk through your ideas sometimes
7. Give yourself enough time to do a proper reading
8. If you really can't understand everything, try at least to understand the introductions and conclusions of each section. That is where most of the really important info can be found.

### LITERATURE READING

1. Draw! Make pictures or comic strips to help you understand how characters are related and where their action occurs.
2. Make sequential maps to help you understand the order in which events occurred.
3. Jot down key words or phrases, or ideas that you are confused about. These will be helpful for class.
4. Summarize the main concepts and repeat them out loud. Pretending you are telling the story to someone younger.

### GENERAL STRATEGIES

1. TAKE BREAKS! Even a quick stretch can help keep concentration up.
2. Reference the reading to your lecture notes, mark in the reading where something refers to your notes. Date it.
3. Make up little songs or sayings to help you remember definitions and concepts.
4. Don't skip charts or tables: they contain important information.
5. As you read, jot down questions that you think might be on the test. Go back to them later and see how many you can answer without looking at the text or your notes.