

5 READING TIPS!

1. Read with a Pen in your Hand!

Use it as a pointer, and pace yourself while you read.

2. Use that Pen to Mark Passages!

Write questions, make checkmarks by each section you have read, circle unfamiliar vocabulary...but don't underline! (It is too easy to start underlining everything...) When you write questions and mark the book, you are less likely to fall asleep!

3. Create Possible Test Questions while You Read!

Use the textbook set-up—table of contents, chapter subheadings, review questions—to help you find the key elements and create potential test questions. Practice Critical Thinking by asking, “If I know this to be true, what might happen when...”

4. Practice Pre-reading!

Pre-reading means skimming the text for key vocabulary, themes, repeated words, names, etc. Pre-read to get an overview of the text, so that you have a better idea of what to look for when you read ‘for real’. Occasionally, pre-reading can be done when you don't have time to completely read the assignment before the next class.

5. Don't Read on the Bed!

Find a comfortable spot to read—but not too comfortable! The best rule is to find a way to be both relaxed and alert—a chair that doesn't recline, a good reading light, and cool temperature are elements of an ideal reading situation. Remember, you don't need to be totally alone while you are studying, but it helps to be removed from tempting distractions: TV, phone, internet...

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