



Essential Strategies Enable Students to Learn More

Strategy	WHEN
Preview a passage	
Establish a purpose for reading—ask a focus question, start with a reason to read.	
Skim a text to detect major visual patterns—see how the pages are organized.	
Use structure of text to locate information—use headings and sections to see the structure.	
Use index, glossary, table of contents to locate information.	
Adjust reading rate to level of text difficulty.	
Annotate text to identify technical vocabulary and information and ideas.	
Use word structure, context, and glossary to determine meanings of technical vocabulary.	
Take Notes as you read—stop to list what’s important.	
Identify important ideas —then revisit the text to find examples that support them.	
List information related to a topic or question.	
Scan a text to locate information quickly.	
Use structure of text to summarize.	
Look for important ideas—stop after you read a section and figure out what’s important.	
Re-read to clarify.	
Use graphic organizers—“web”, Venn, cause-effect, other ways to analyze relationships in a text.	
Combine information and ideas from different texts or other sources.	
Evaluate the strength of evidence to support a position.	

Write to learn more!

___summary ___analysis ___synthesis
 ___comparison/contrast ___expand a text
 ___evaluate strength of support ___synthesis
 ___analyze structure and content ___ _____