

# SQ3R Reading Strategy

How to Survey	How to Question	How to Read	How to Recite	How to Review
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Look over the material: title, preview, headings, visuals (charts, pictures), bolded words, summary</li><li>• Read the summary if possible</li><li>• Think about background knowledge or related information</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Turn headings into questions</li><li>• Ask what? who? why? and how?</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Look for answers to your questions</li><li>• Write in the margins</li><li>• Underline or highlight important concepts</li><li>• Break up the reading into chunks</li><li>• Take breaks when needed</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Say it outloud in your own words</li><li>• Write a summary of the paragraph or section</li><li>• Write notes or notecards for information</li><li>• Create a mind map or graphic organizer of the ideas and how they relate</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Look over your readings or notes and quiz yourself on the information</li><li>• Make connections between readings and notes from class</li><li>• Revisit it weekly and test yourself on new and old material each week</li></ul>
Why Survey?	Why Question?	Why Read?	Why Recite?	Why Review?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•It gives you the big picture</li><li>•It helps you decide what's important</li><li>•You can connect information to what you already know</li><li>•It prepares you to read</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•It helps you stay focused on the reading</li><li>•It gives you a purpose (looking for the answer) and creates interest</li><li>•It's good practice for quizzing yourself on topics</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•It's how to get information from the textbook (!)</li><li>•It's good preparation for your lectures &amp; discussions</li><li>•It's an essential part of test preparation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•It helps you retain information after you read it</li><li>•It checks for your level of understanding</li><li>•It's a way to interact with the reading and stay awake</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•It helps you retain information week to week</li><li>•It helps you prepare for exams, papers and assignments</li></ul>