

NINE STEPS TO BEING A SUCCESSFUL READER

PRE-READING

1. Read the title and any subtitle of the book and or short story and try to guess what the book may be about.
2. Look at the picture on the cover or any picture inside the text and try to guess what the book may be about.
3. Look on back cover and/or inside dust jacket and read any kind of critique etc. about the book or anything about the author. Keep guessing about the book's content.
4. Open the book and look at chapter headings. Think about what each chapter may contain.
5. Open the book and read the first three sentences of the preface or the actual book.
6. Generate and write down as many questions as you have about the text you are holding in your hands. You will be answering these as you read.

ACTIVE READING

1. As you read you will note all major characters and write down their names and character traits.
2. You will also write down any unfamiliar word. This is extremely important.
3. You will also write the answer to the questions you generated as soon as you come across them.

As you grow as a reader you will internalize these steps and will no longer need to be reminded of them.