

SQ3R (SURVEY, QUESTION, READ, RECITE, REVIEW)

1. SURVEY what you are about to read.

- Think about the title. What do I know about this subject? What do I want to know?
- Glance over headings and/or skim the first sentences of paragraphs.
- Look at illustrations and graphic aids.
- Read the last paragraph or summary.

2. QUESTION.

- Turn the title into a question. This becomes a major purpose for your reading.
- Write down any questions that come to mind during the survey.
- Turn headings into questions.
- Turn subheadings, illustrations, and graphic aids into questions.
- Write down unfamiliar vocabulary and determine the meaning.

3. READ actively.

- Read to search for answers to questions.
- Respond to questions and use context clues for unfamiliar words.
- React to unclear passages, confusing terms, and questionable statements by generating additional questions.

4. RECITE what you have learned.

- Look away from the answers and the book to recall what was read.
- Recite answers to questions aloud or in writing.
- Reread text for unanswered questions.

5. REVIEW.

- Answer the major purpose questions.
- Look over answers and all parts of the chapter to organize information.
- Summarize the information learned by creating a graphic organizer that depicts the main ideas, by drawing a flow chart, by writing a summary, by participating in a group discussion, or by writing an explanation of how this material has changed your perceptions or applies to your life.