

PQ4R Reading Strategy

PREVIEW Get an overview of the chapter.

- Survey the chapter to determine the general topics to be discussed.
- Read: titles and subtitles, headings, introduction, illustrations, charts.
- Read vocabulary in bold or italic type.
- Read learning objectives or chapter summary.

QUESTION Establish a purpose for reading.

- Read the questions at the end of the section/chapter.
- Make up questions about the section. Transform section headings into questions.

READ Actively read with concentration and focus.

- Read one paragraph/section carefully at a time.
- Actively search for information and the answers to your questions.
- Take 2 column notes
- Make note cards
- Make margin notes

REFLECT As you read, relate this new material to previous readings and prior knowledge.

- Write summaries
- Compare and Contrast with other readings or prior knowledge – How is this alike or different from what I have already read or what I know?

RECITE Recite aloud the main ideas.

- After finishing a section, try recalling the information you have learned.
- Answer aloud the questions you made up for the section.
- Take the role of your professor and pretend you are giving a lecture on this section.

REVIEW Review the chapter.

- After you have finished a chapter, review the main ideas, key points and vocabulary, anything in bold.
- Reread the chapter objectives, chapter summaries, and 2 column notes.
- Complete study guides, CD-ROMS.
- Review frequently, a little each evening. Read and answer the questions again.