
Student Success \ Speed-reading

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Reading Paragraphs

AS YOU READ PARAGRAPHS:

- It is not necessary to read every single word: your objective is to read for meaning or to get “the gist”.
- Capture the “key idea” from the sentences and paragraphs.

KEEP TRACK OF:

- How the information fits into the “big picture” as outlined in the summary, etc.
- Relationships between key concepts, topics, etc. in the chapter and to items you learned in class or in past readings.

IF YOU THINK OF QUESTIONS (ESPECIALLY EXAM QUESTIONS) RELATED TO YOUR READING:

- Write these on a paper or your computer/laptop.
- As you read the text, think of questions (“what”, “why”, and “how”) that deepen your understanding of the concepts.