

ACTIVE READING STRATEGIES

Question

- What does the title suggest?
- Do you recognize the author's name?
- What questions come to mind as you read?
- Why do characters act as they do?
- Is there a word you don't understand?

Prediction

- What do you think will happen next? (Look for hints that seem to lead to an outcome?)
- As you read, see if your predictions are correct.
- Make new predictions as you read.

Visualize

- Try to see in your mind what the author is describing.
- Be sure what you see is accurate to the author's words.

Clarify

- Always try to make sense out of what you read.
- Re-read what you don't understand.
- Look at footnotes to help you.
- Look for answers to your questions.
- Look for answers to your predictions. (Note: it is not important that you make correct predictions. What is important is that you recognize that you are/are not correct when you find out in your reading.)

Connect

- This is the bridge that connects you, the reader, with what you are reading.
- Bring your prior knowledge to the story.
- What do you know about the topic already?

Respond

- Allow yourself to personally interact to the story.
- What would you do if you were in a situation like the character?
- Compliment the author on a particularly good piece of writing—a phrase, a sentence, a description.

Summarize

- Stop frequently to sum up the important information.

Evaluate

- Form opinions about what you are read both while you are reading and after you are done reading.
- Develop your own ideas about the events and characters.