

READING COMPREHENSION STRATEGIES

BEFORE READING



- **Scan and Predict:** look at the title, pictures, captions, headings, etc. and take a guess on what the text will be about.



- **Activate Background Knowledge:** what do you already know about the topic?



- **Ask Questions:** ask yourself WH questions about the topic. What do you want to find out from the text? Is there anything you already know about this topic?

*You should also preview any comprehension questions before reading so you know what information to look for!

DURING READING



- **Make Connections:** relate what you read to your own life, experiences, or even to other texts or characters!



- **Paraphrase:** pick out the most important parts and rephrase them in your own words.



- **Reread:** if you stopped paying attention or got distracted, go back and reread the text.



- **Visualize:** create a picture or movie in your mind that includes all of the details described in the text.

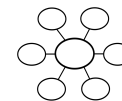


- **Ask Questions:** what are you wondering about while reading? Ask WH questions while you're reading and see if the answers come up in the text!

AFTER READING



- **Main Idea & Summarize:** what was the main point or concept of the text? Can you retell it in your own words?



- **Text Structure:** what was the purpose of the passage? Does it tell a story, describe something, compare and contrast, identify cause and effect, give steps, or explain a problem and solution?



- **Review and Reread:** review the questions you asked yourself before and during reading. Were they all answered? If not, go back and double-check the text!

*Determine the question/answer relationship for comprehension questions! (i.e. right there, think and search, etc.)