

Previewing

Study Smarter, not Harder



What is Previewing?

- Previewing is a simple, yet effective reading strategy that involves skimming the assigned reading before you actually start reading.
 - The strategy helps you connect with what you read by creating a purpose and context for your reading.
 - Previewing also helps you to activate your knowledge base which aids comprehension.
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Importance of Previewing text:

- Your brain is constantly looking for patterns and connections to known information
 - Sets up the overview and framework of the information
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Previewing Helps You Learn More

- By previewing the text, you are able to separate what you know from what you don't know, so that you can focus on the unknown information.
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How to Preview ANY assigned text:

- Read the title
 - Read the headings
 - Look at the visuals
 - Scan for special terms
 - Skim the review questions
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THE SQ3R METHOD

(Deliberately slows down the reading process for greater-comprehension).

1.Survey--preview the chapter (headings, pictures, theme, vocabulary, headings, etc.)

2.Question--make questions out of the topic headings and generate questions from the predictions made after surveying

3.Read--(just one section at a time), stop and try to answer questions that were generated. Reread until questions have been answered.

4.Recite--recite the answer to yourself, make a note and go on to the next section

5.Review--at the end of the chapter, summarize the text and review regularly

The T.H.I.E.V.E.S. Strategy

THIEVES helps you activate prior knowledge.

T-Title. Often skipped entirely by readers, the title is the entrance into a chapter. Be sure to read it.

H-Headings. Headings are the visible organizers of content. Preview them.

I-Introduction. Chapter goals and objectives are often stated in the introduction. Give it your attention.

E-Every first sentence in a paragraph. These are often the topic sentences. Read them to preview main ideas.

V-Visuals and vocabulary. Preview them to begin learning about the topic before you start reading.

E-End of chapter questions. Preview the questions before you read to establish a purpose for reading.

S-Summary. Read summaries provided in the textbook to gain prior knowledge and a frame of reference for the detailed content of the chapter.



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