

## Summary: The READ Strategy

Summarizing as you read is a powerful reading strategy that helps you focus in on the main idea of a text and restate it in your own words. The READ strategy is a simple, yet effective strategy to help you learn to summarize what you read. Summary helps you better comprehend what you read.

**Directions: While you are reading your textbook, try the following steps:**

- 1. Read** the paragraph to get an idea of what it is about.  
Look for important words that are repeated.
- 2. Evaluate** each sentence and highlight, underline, or circle the important words  
On a sticky note, write the words you underlined/circled for each sentence
- 3. Analyze** the words you underlined to determine what they have in common
- 4. Decide** upon the main idea and write a statement of the main idea of the passage.