

READING STRATEGIES

STRUGGLING WITH YOUR READING? TRY A FEW OF THESE STRATEGIES.
YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GET MUCH MORE FROM YOUR EFFORT!

📖 *Slow down.*

📖 *Reread.*

📖 *Read out loud when possible.*

📖 *Vocabulary troubles?*

- *Look up any words that are causing problems and substitute a word you **DO** know.*
- *Skip a word you don't know and see if the writer explains it later on in the text.*
- *Underline or circle important words or words you do not understand and need more information about.*

📖 *Track with your finger across the page, following every word. As your reading skills develop, track down the left side of the page. (Already a solid reader? Tracking down the left side is also a speed reading technique!)*

📖 *Restate or paraphrase into your own words. Do this **ALOUD**.*

📖 *Summarize each paragraph/page/section before continuing.*

📖 *Think about anything else you may know that you could relate to this new information.*

📖 *Check your understanding with someone else's. Discuss it.*

📖 *Ask yourself questions as you go. Try to predict what is coming next.*

📖 *Try to visualize what the text is explaining. If you can see it, you can understand it better.*

📖 *Listen to the book/text on your ipod/phone. YouTube and Audible both have a lot of our English texts. Google scholar has a lot of your textbooks.*

📖 *Use sticky notes or a piece of binder paper to record important ideas, events, and questions you have about each chapter/section. Review your sticky notes/notes right before the bell rings.*

📖 *Struggling on quizzes?*

- *Write down who, what, when, where, and why - as often as those elements change in a book. These are how teachers write quiz questions; thus, if you know that info you'll do well.*
- *Look for anything that is repeated (a statement, phrase, idea); you'll probably be tested on that.*
- *Take the SparkNotes.com quizzes. Notice what's **NOT** there; it'll probably be a question! (FYI: Many English teachers look at those quizzes and design theirs so that students can't read SparkNotes instead of the book.)*

📖 *If your teacher provides you with study questions, do a good job of answering them. (Don't just do them to get them done.)*

📖 *Read SparkNotes (before and after reading the text). Reading these chapter summaries is not enough for a full understanding of the text, but it can aid in comprehension. (Note: You can't use Spark Notes as a replacement for reading the text.)*