

Pre-Reading Strategy: Reading with PURPOSE & FOCUS

As you read, does your mind slip and slide over the words?

When you finish reading, do you know a lot more than when you started?

If you answered “yes” to the first question and “no” to the second, try **this strategy** with your next reading assignment.

Look at the BOLD-FACED HEADINGS on the reading

▶ **SIZES / COLORS**

▶ *Identify their functions:*

Title

Main Ideas

Supporting Ideas

Now make a question for each heading using one of these words: **Why? How? What? Where? When? Who?**

As you read, answer your question.

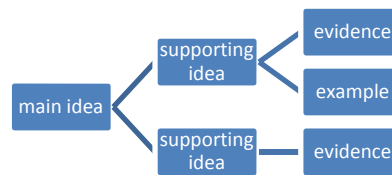
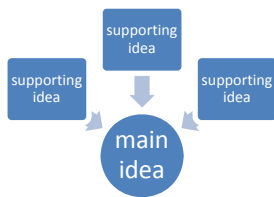
If the question you asked doesn't work for that section, make up another one that does and answer it.

Write your answers down, in the margins or in a notebook.

While you are finding the answer to your question, **take notes** on other information that seems important.

You might even make an **outline** of the reading—

Or do a **CONCEPT map**.



When you are done reading with this reading strategy, see how much you learned and how it all fits together. Plus, with this, you're ready to start using it to study for that next exam!