READING TECHNIQUES

Reading to Remember and Succeed
Getting the Gist

• What kind of text is this?

• What information and/or ideas do you expect to find in this text?
Getting the Gist

• What clues tell you about the kind of text?
  • Titles and headings
  • Introduction, Conclusion
  • Images, charts, graphics
  • Information in **BOLD TYPE** or in the margins
Getting the Gist

Engaging the reading before you read:

- Makes you an active reader
  - Don’t be afraid to ask questions

- Gives you a framework
  - Helps to organize ideas later
Grouping Ideas

• What are the main topics and ideas in the text?

• Can you summarize them in short phrases or questions?
Grouping Ideas

• What are the main topics and ideas in the text?

• How are the topics and ideas connected to each other?
Grouping Ideas

• What are the main topics and ideas in the text?

• How can you take notes to show the connections between topics and ideas?
  • charts
  • mind maps
  • index cards
  • PowerPoint slides
  • Note-taking app
Grouping Ideas

Related Idea

Word, idea, evidence

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Main Idea

Related Idea

Related Idea

Related Idea
Grouping Ideas

Descriptive Pattern

Central Topic

Concept

Details

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Details
Grouping Ideas
Summarizing and Questioning

• What are the main topics and ideas?
  • Can you summarize what the text says about each topic and idea?
  • What questions do you have about the main topics and ideas?
    • What is unclear to you after reading?
    • What do you disagree with and why?
Top Tips

• Get an overview or outline of the reading before you read (table of contents, topic headings, etc)
• Stop and summarize and ask questions when you finish each major section
• Read manageable amounts and take breaks when you’re tired
• Take time to organize main ideas in note cards, mind map or other format
• Review (at least once or twice a week)