

THE FOUR STEPS OF ACTIVE READING FOR COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS

1. Previewing - this is the step where you develop a purpose for reading by taking your first look at the assigned reading. The purpose of previewing is to get picture and to understand the main ideas and how they connect with what you already know or learned.
2. Annotating – helps you focus and concentrate. Some ways of marking include: margin notes or annotations, underlining, highlighting.
3. Reading with concentration – find a quiet distraction free place to read. Read in blocks or chunks of time with short breaks in between. Actively engage in the material by writing down questions for later clarification.
4. Reviewing – look through your reading again, look at your class notes, study questions, annotations and outlines.