

Reading Strategy: Setting a Purpose for Reading

People read for different reasons. For example, you may read a horror story to be entertained and a history of World War II to learn more about the subject that interests you. When you read, it is often helpful to set a purpose for reading, or determine what you'd like to get out of a piece of writing. To get an idea of that purpose, try asking yourself questions that begin with *who*, *what*, *when*, *where*, *why* and *how*.

DIRECTIONS: Fill out the following diagram to help you set a purpose for _____. Finish each question: then supply a short answer.

The diagram consists of a central oval connected to six rectangular boxes, each representing a different question word. The boxes are arranged in a circle around the central oval. Each box contains a question word followed by a blank line and a question mark, and then several horizontal lines for writing an answer.

- What _____?**

- Why _____?**

- Who _____?**

- How _____?**

- Where _____?**

- When _____?**

