

# Six Ways of Reading Actively

## Active readers

### Mark or Highlight

- Mark important words, phrases, or sentences.
- Helps later when studying for a test or preparing for discussion or writing assignment.
- Use sticky notes if you can't write in the text.

### Ask Questions

- Ask lots of questions.
  - ✓ What does this mean?
  - ✓ Why is the writer talking about this?
- Think critically about the text.

### Clarify

- Respond to the information.
- Take notes about what you learn.
- Take down details.
- Explain ideas.



### React and Connect

- Listen to your own thoughts and feelings.
- Think of how the writing makes you feel.
- Think about what the writing reminds you of in your life.
- Compare and contrast the ideas of the author's with your own.

### Visualize

- Picture in your mind the people, places, and objects the author is describing.
- Visualizing helps you "see" and remember the most important ideas.
- Draw pictures in the margins of the text or in your notes.
- Use sensory details to help you "see" the person, place, or object.

### Predict

- Ask questions.
  - ✓ How will things turn out?
  - ✓ What will happen next?
- Write predictions down as you read through the text.