The Reading Process

Before Reading

- Think about the title, topic, headings, subheadings
- Look at the graphics, charts, maps, print size, shading
- Read headings and bold print
- Generate questions with heading and subheadings – What & how questions?
- Develop a purpose for reading
- Activate background knowledge (schema)
- Make predictions

During Reading

- Monitor your comprehension
- Make mental pictures
- Restate information into your own words – annotate in margins
- Compare what you are reading to what you know
- Use graphics to understand material
- Answer questions
- If you don’t understand, stop and clarify
- Define unfamiliar words
- Review graphics
- Read surrounding paragraphs
- Reestablish purpose for reading
- Slow down and reread

After Reading

- Answer questions
- Determine what else you need to know
- Test yourself
- Participate in study groups
- Consolidate and integrate information
- Discuss information
- Write summaries
- Apply information