

# SQ3R

## Survey, Question, Read, Recite, Review

**Survey:** Before you read, survey the entire text, including the table of contents. Read titles, subtitles, introductions, and conclusions and review any graphics.

**Question:** Write questions for the key points you've identified in your survey. Turn heading and subheadings into questions. Ask who, what, where, when, and why.

**Read:** Now read through the text from beginning to end, pausing at the end of each section to answer the questions you have created. Highlight key points in the text as you read, or make brief notes.

**Recite:** Answer the questions out loud to reinforce your learning, or teach another person what you've learned. Make a list of key facts or terms you need to know. Try this step after each section in the text.

**Review:** Reviewing is an ongoing process. Review the concepts in the text after you are finished reading and reciting each section, and come back to it periodically over a few days. Summarize difficult passages and rewrite the major points in your own words.