

Nonfiction Reading Strategies

Before reading....

- I look at the title and ask myself what I might already know about the topic
- I look at the illustrations, pictures, graphs, charts, diagrams, maps, timelines, tables.
- I read the section headings/subheadings
- I make questions about the headings
- I look at the words in bold face and think about why they are important to the text... what they might mean
- I make predictions about what I might learn
- I think about how fast or slow I will read the selection (adjust reading rate)
- Read the topic sentences of paragraphs
- Read the sidebars

During reading...

- I stop and think about what I just read
- I think about the predictions I made and change or confirm them
- I try to picture what I am reading in my head
- I think about words I don't know the meaning of
- I stop and try to answer the questions I have
- I read all the captions, tables, graphs, and pictures

After reading...

- I try to retell important parts in my head
- I read over important parts
- I ask for help with words I don't understand
- I think about the author's purpose and message
- I think about how what I just read will change the way I think

