Academic Success Center

Study Skills:

THIEVES Reading Strategy

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Title — What do I think the text will be about?
What do I think the author's message will be?
What is my background knowledge?

Headings — How has the information been divided into smaller topics?
What are the smaller topics?
What do I think I will read in each section?
How will the topics relate to the big picture?

Introduction — How does the introduction try to make me curious about the subject?

Every first sentence in at section — What additional details can I find about the reading?

Visuals & **V**ocabulary — What visuals are used?
What do they tell me about what I will be reading?
Are there bold words that might be important?
What do the bold words mean?



End-of-article Or end-of-the-chapter questions — How does the author finish the writing?
What questions will I be asked to answer?
Thinking about all the information, what do I predict I will be reading about?

Summarize thinking — What do I think the author's main idea will be in this text?