

## Reading to Be Informed

### Before you read:

- \* Determine what you want to learn or find out from the material.
- \* Look over what you will read.
- \* Skim to find out how the author has chosen to present the material.
- \* Ask yourself what you already know about the topic(s) the author will cover.
- \* Jot some predictions on paper about what you expect to learn from the text.

### As you read:

- \* Underline, highlight, or take notes to help you construct meaning and recall important information.
- \* Ask yourself continually, 'Do I understand what I just read and do I see how it fits?'
- \* Pay attention to titles, chapter, and subheadings.
- \* Examine any tables, illustrations, bold-face print, underlining, colored print, captions, glossaries, and other aids the author has provided.
- \* Pause during your reading to reflect upon and organize new information and link it to what you already know.
- \* When you don't understand something, review your notes to see where you got off track, reread the passage, talk to another person, or consult such resources as a dictionary.

### After you read:

- \* Summarize what you have read by restating main ideas from the text.
- \* Evaluate your notes and understanding.
- \* Reread any passages that you did not understand.
- \* Apply new ideas from the text to broader situations to extend thinking.
- \* Evaluate the ideas presented in the text.
- \* Jot down any questions you still have about the topic.
- \* Use study strategies for notetaking, locating, and remembering to improve learning in the subject area.