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INTRODUCTION TO THE READING PROCESS

Reading Skills: Improve Your Comprehension

DIRECTIONS: *As you watch the Brain POP on Reading Skills, fill in the cloze notes. We will watch the video two times to allow you to fill in as many of the notes as possible.*

THERE IS NO POINT IN READING IF YOU ARE NOT TAKING IT IN. THERE IS SOME PREP WORK YOU CAN DO TO IMPROVE YOUR READING AND COMPREHENSION.

BEFORE READING STRATEGIES

- **PREVIEW** the text so you know what you are reading before you actually read it.
  - You can **SKIM** or quickly look over what you are reading to get an overall impression of it.
  - Pay attention to section **HEADINGS** and words in bold.

DURING READING STRATEGIES

- Take **NOTES** while you read. Use note cards or a notebook to write down **IMPORTANT** ideas.
- Take your **TIME.** STOP and reread anything you do not understand.
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- Jot down words you do not know to look up later.

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AFTER READING STRATEGIES

- If you can put something into your own **WORDS,** you know you will **UNDERSTAND** it.
- If you have time, it is a great idea to re-read for anything you have missed.
- Look over your notes to refresh your memory.
- Try to make a **MOVIE** in your head. If you can **VISUALIZE** it, you know you are getting it.
  - Visualizing helps with novels or pieces of fiction where you have to remember characters and plot.
- When you are done reading, there is nothing wrong with **TALKING** about what you have read.
  - Talking about a **TEXT** helps you to better understand it and to help you form your own ideas.
- Finally, be sure to look up new vocabulary words.

IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO FIND A QUIET PLACE TO READ, TOO!