

Simple Reading Template

Many students start high school using the same reading and study strategies they used in middle school because those techniques worked well in middle school; however, as you may have already figured out, high school is different. Classes are structured differently and require more independent work, and your teachers likely expect you to engage with readings at a deeper level than you may have practiced in middle school. These differences may require you to develop new reading and study habits.

This handout shares several simple yet effective strategies to use as you approach a reading assignment. Implementing this worksheet into your regular reading and study routine can help you to learn, understand, and retain course material.

Use the template below to pre-test before reading. Apply questions to key words and headings. How much do you know already? Be curious.

Dive in with purpose and read for answers to basic questions. Make assignments more interesting and memorable by spending a few minutes thinking first, then reading.

Use the template as a post-test after reading. How well do you remember main ideas and details without looking back?

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Learning Objectives	Questions Asked	Examples
Facts	What is _____? Who is _____? When is _____? Where is _____? How is _____?	What is working memory? What areas of the brain control working memory? How is working memory studied?
Examples and Applications	What is an example of _____? What is a real-world application of _____? When is _____ used?	When is working memory used? What is an example of working memory?
Significance	Why is _____ important? Why did the author include _____ in the text?	Why is working memory important? Could we function without working memory?
Relationships	How does _____ relate to other topics that we're studying? How does _____ compare and contrast with _____?	How does working memory relate to short-term memory and long-term memory?

Connect to other resources

This template is one resource to help you develop more effective reading comprehension skills in high school. There are several other resources and study strategies that you can check out to improve your studying. Here are a few:

Stop by our school's Prep Center. Our resource teacher can talk to you about your study skills, help you make a study plan, or work with you on any other academic issue.

Attend tutoring to talk to your professor about studying for that particular class.

Check out our Learning Center resources on effective reading strategies:

- Reading Comprehension Tips
- Reading Textbooks Effectively
- Taking Notes While Reading

Check out our resources on effective study strategies:

- Study Smarter, Not Harder
- Using Concept Maps
- Higher Order Thinking

Works Consulted:

"Tips & Tools." Learning Center, learningcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools/.