College Reading Skills

WHAT TO DO BEFORE READING:

• Create a positive mindset about reading the material.
• Get interested in the reading by generating reading questions.
• Know the topic of the reading by reviewing chapter or section titles.
• Preview the reading by skimming through the headers and any bold words.

WHAT TO DO WHILE READING:

• Devote your full attention to reading.
• Make connections to relevant or connected ideas.
• Focus on the important things by reviewing bold or italic terms.
• Highlight and underline.
• Take notes in the margins.
• Develop questions for things you do not understand.
• Take breaks when needed.
• Summarize what you read to test your understanding.
• Discuss the reading with peers
• Reflect and reread for deeper understanding.