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## 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.