



There's a lot more to college reading than just reading. You'll be expected to pull out and understand important ideas, to form questions about the readings that can generate discussion in class, to apply what you learn in one reading to other things you've read, and to generate arguments based on the readings and back them up with evidence. Here are some quick tips to get you started.

Skim the headings in your readings first to give yourself a road map.

Devote your full (phone-free!) attention to reading.

Make connections between related ideas.

Write down and define important terms.

Careful reading takes a lot of energy. Remember to take breaks so you can maintain focus.

Write a brief summary of all the main ideas in your notes. 10 minutes now will save you hours when it's time to study for exams.

Take notes in the margins about things you find interesting or confusing so you have something to talk about in class.

Highlight or underline important ideas.

Write down any questions you have.

Talk about the readings with your classmates to get other perspectives.

Review the notes you've taken and the text you've highlighted right before class starts.

