

Strategies for successful reading

Comprehension

1. Read through the entire text.
2. Visualize everything that is happening. (mental movies)
3. Look up any words that you don't understand. (dictionary)
4. Write down questions that you have about any part of the selection. (continuously while you are reading)
5. Read the selection over while trying to answer your own questions.

Extending Understanding

1. Come up with various themes/messages in the selection.
2. Try to relate personally to any of the themes or events in the selection. (What does this remind you of?)
3. Try to relate any of the themes or events to any books, movies, television shows, plays, etc... that you may have read or seen.

Text Analysis

1. What is the feeling of the selection?
2. What would you describe as the author's style?
3. What does he/she do to make the selection effective/ineffective?
What could he/she do differently?

Content Analysis

1. Ask yourself if this selection has been influenced by history, society, culture, and/or life? (Where does this fit into the world we live in?)