Previewing

Study Smarter, not Harder
What is Previewing?

• Previewing is a simple, yet effective reading strategy that involves skimming the assigned reading before you actually start reading.

• The strategy helps you connect with what you read by creating a purpose and context for your reading.

• Previewing also helps you to activate your knowledge base which aids comprehension.
Importance of Previewing text:

• Your brain is constantly looking for patterns and connections to known information

• Sets up the overview and framework of the information
Previewing Helps You Learn More

• By previewing the text, you are able to separate what you know from what you don’t know, so that you can focus on the unknown information.
How to Preview ANY assigned text:

• Read the title

• Read the headings

• Look at the visuals

• Scan for special terms

• Skim the review questions
THE SQ3R METHOD

(Deliberately slows down the reading process for greater-comprehension).

1. **Survey** -- preview the chapter (headings, pictures, theme, vocabulary, headings, etc.)

2. **Question** -- make questions out of the topic headings and generate questions from the predictions made after surveying

3. **Read** -- (just one section at a time), stop and try to answer questions that were generated. Reread until questions have been answered.

4. **Recite** -- recite the answer to yourself, make a note and go on to the next section

5. **Review** -- at the end of the chapter, summarize the text and review regularly
The T.H.I.E.V.E.S. Strategy

THIEVES helps you activate prior knowledge.

**T-Title.** Often skipped entirely by readers, the title is the entrance into a chapter. Be sure to read it.

**H-Headings.** Headings are the visible organizers of content. Preview them.

**I-Introduction.** Chapter goals and objectives are often stated in the introduction. Give it your attention.

**E-Every first sentence in a paragraph.** These are often the topic sentences. Read them to preview main ideas.

**V-Visuals and vocabulary.** Preview them to begin learning about the topic before you start reading.

**E-End of chapter questions.** Preview the questions before you read to establish a purpose for reading.

**S-Summary.** Read summaries provided in the textbook to gain prior knowledge and a frame of reference for the detailed content of the chapter.