Summary: The READ Strategy

Summarizing as you read is a powerful reading strategy that helps you focus in on the main idea of a text and restate it in your own words. The READ strategy is a simple, yet effective strategy to help you learn to summarize what you read. Summary helps you better comprehend what you read.

Directions: While you are reading your textbook, try the following steps:

1. **Read** the paragraph to get an idea of what it is about. Look for important words that are repeated.
2. **Evaluate** each sentence and highlight, underline, or circle the important words. On a sticky note, write the words you underlined/circled for each sentence.
3. **Analyze** the words you underlined to determine what they have in common.
4. **Decide** upon the main idea and write a statement of the main idea of the passage.