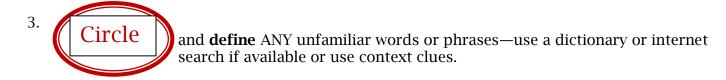


Active Reading Strategies

Use these strategies in EVERY class for EVERY text you read. ☺

- 1. Take a **look**—skim your reading material, paying special attention to headings, emphasized text, images and graphs.
- 2. <u>Underline</u> key words and important information that help you understand the author's purpose and/or main idea of the text.



- 4. **Record** your **reactions, thoughts and questions** as you read in the margin of the text or on a post-it-note.
- 5. Always ask yourself, *Who, What, Where, When, Why and How* while reading a good way to remember to do this is to complete the mnemonic **SOAPSTONE**: **S- Speaker (author)**:
 - O- Occasion (what's happening in the world that motivated the writer to write);
 - A -Audience (to whom is the writing addressed);
 - P- Purpose (author's purpose: to inform, to entertain, to explain, to argue, to critique...);
 - S- Subject (main idea of the writing;
 - T- Tone (author's attitude)

