

# Franklin County High School

## Reading Strategies

### **Reading textbooks more effectively**

Organized reading methods like SQ3R and KWL help you read faster and retain more.

**These reading methods are designed to improve reading ability, comprehension and retention.**

**The SQ3R Method** - SQ3R uses a strategy of preview, question, and in-depth study.

**Survey:** Survey the chapter headings and the summary to find the major points. This will take a few minutes but will help to organize the ideas when you read the chapter later.

**Question:** Question the headings or the important points that you have surveyed. This helps to understand the present reading better and note down points that need more explanation.

**Read:** Read through the section of the chapter that will specifically answer your question.

**Recite:** Try and recite the answer in your own words; if you are unable to do this, read the section again. Repeat the first four steps of the SQ3R reading method for each section of your chapter.

**Review:** Consult your notes and cover them; review the main points and the sub points under each main point.

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**The KWL method** - The KWL approach divides the process into three distinctive segments - what you know, what you want to know, and reviewing how much you have come to know.

**Know:** This is a pre-reading to identify keywords, phrases, and terms related to the lesson that you already know. Note them down, discuss, and assess your familiarity with the topic.

**Want:** List all the things that you want to know about the topic in the form of questions and arrange them in order of importance.

**Learned:** Note down all that you have learned from the reading of the lesson. Match this against all the things that you wanted to know.