



HOW TO “TALK TO THE TEXT” (T4 strategy)

“Talking to your text” means writing notes as you read—in the margins, underlining words, writing down questions, etc. See the list below for different techniques. As you read, use at least five techniques from the list below.

1. Look at the title of the piece. Respond to it with your thoughts.
2. Look at any illustrations on the page. See if they help you understand the title.
3. Begin to read the article. As you read, interact with the text by using steps 4-11.
4. Write down any questions as they come into your head.
5. Write down any connections you make as you read.
 - a. To yourself...your world...to something else you have read...or to the text you are now reading...
6. Clarify your understanding by writing ideas from the text into your own words.
7. Underline key passages.
8. Underline or circle words you don't know. Use word parts or context clues to figure out their meanings as you read.
9. Don't forget to summarize! (at the end of each page to remember what you have read).
10. Predict what will happen next!
11. Visualize! Make movies in your head that enact the text!

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