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**Set a Purpose for Textbook Reading**

You must read differently depending on what you want to get out of an assigned reading. **The purpose includes what the instructor wants you to learn or understand from the reading.**

Reading for different purposes requires different approaches.

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| **PREPARE: TYPE OF TEXT** | **TOOLS: MINDSET** |
| **Consider what type of text you are to read.**Common examples include:* Opinion; Argument; Persuasion
* Narrative (story, connected events)
* Description or Explanation
* Compare & Contrast; Cause & Effect
 | **It’s Like Birdwatching**…Image result for birds of illinois picturesSay you’re going on a hike. You can choose to look for a specific songbird while you’re out – the rose breasted grosbeak. It doesn’t mean you can’t enjoy your hike or that you ignore other birds. But knowing that you are looking for a specific bird can make the hike more meaningful. |
| **STRATEGIES FOR DIFFERENT READING PURPOSES** |
| 1. *Is this information to memorize?*
 | Make flashcards and memorize as you read. |
| 1. *Are you expected to explain or summarize the information?*
 | Summarize each paragraph or section before moving on. |
| 1. *Do you need to evaluate or respond to an argument?*
 | Locate the writer’s main idea and the evidence and examples that support the claim.  |
| 1. *Will you need to use or apply the information in another situation?*
 | Visualize when and how this information will be useful. |
| 1. *Does the reading have background information such as the sequence of events?*
 | List key points and/or causes and effects leading up to the event as well as the results. |
| 1. *Is the reading assignment an example of a type of writing you will write? (i.e., a rhetorical analysis, a case study, etc.)*
 | Read to discover how the writer introduces the topic and thesis statement. How is the information organized? Does each paragraph focus on one key point? |

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| **Once You Set a Purpose for Textbook Reading...** |
| A college text may require that you read carefully, slowly, and deliberately. You will probably need to look up confusing words and reread key passages to understand them fully.As you determine *why* you are reading, and *what you want to learn*, also think about *what you already know* and *how it is connected to* the reading. |
| **Additional College Reading Tips** |
| **Stay focused on your reading purpose with these tips:*** When reading your assignment online or on a device, close other windows and programs. People are not able to multitask as it turns out. So, reduce distractions.
* Turn subtitles into questions: By making section headers into questions, that can help you find the answers.
* Open *Narrator* in Windows to read any on-screen text aloud.

Two ways to start and stop Narrator in Windows 10 and 111. Press the **Windows logo key** + **Ctrl** + **Enter** together to start Narrator. Press these keys again to stop Narrator. (On older versions of Windows, the command was the **Windows logo key + Enter.**) OR
2. Press the **Windows logo key** + **Ctrl** + **N** to open Narrator settings, and then turn on the toggle under **Use Narrator**.
3. To turn scan mode on and off, press **Narrator**+ **Spacebar**. (Both the Caps lock and Insert keys serve as your Narrator key by default.)

For more information on how to use Narrator visit: <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/complete-guide-to-narrator-e4397a0d-ef4f-b386-d8ae-c172f109bdb1>  |

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