



Advanced Reader's Checklist



Check off items from the list as you read for comprehension

- Know why you are reading the text** - decide before you start and keep the purpose in mind as you read.
- Read the author Bio** so for background acquainted and personal connections.
- Read in different ways** depending on your purpose - scan a text to get a quick overview of its content; skim read a text to find specific information; grapple with the detail to improve your understanding of the topic.
- Read through** a text once in order to get a general idea of its meaning and content. Then re-read it, take notes, add margin comments or highlight particular sections.
- Pay attention** to the structure of a text to help you to understand the writer's purpose and argument. Take notice of headings and sub-headings, of opening and closing paragraphs and of other signposts the writer has provided.
- Ask questions** of text and of yourself as you read.
- Accept that sometimes you need to re-read** in order to check your understanding, to reconsider particular points of interest or importance and to add to your notes.
- If you find something difficult to understand, **say the words in your head** or aloud as a way of unraveling the meaning. Draw sketches or diagrams as a way of getting hold of the meaning.
- Try to understand rather than just memorize** what you read. This effort to understand is itself an aid to memorizing.
- Good readers are critical readers.** Test the writer's argument against your own previous knowledge and experience.
- Fill in the Novel Data Sheet** as you read. Remember important information and take notes. You may have to return to that excerpt later.
- Study the short/extended questions and essay questions** before you begin reading. You want to take notes as you read and use that information as support for your response to the prompt.
- Always, always read with pen or pencil in hand. Good readers make for good writers.**