

The Questions-in-the-Margin System/SQ3R

SURVEY

Read the title and speculate about what the chapter will be about. Skim through headings, outlines, and any summarizing sections.

QUESTION

Turn each heading into a question by adding words such as “what” “how” or “who”.

READ

Read through several paragraphs/one section specifically to answer your question.

QUESTION IN THE MARGIN

After the section has been read, write one brief but more comprehensive question in the margin. Underline or jot notes that answer that question.

RECITE

Cover your note page/textbook page and recite aloud the answer to the question in the margin. After reciting, check your answer. Repeat until you have completed the chapter.

REVIEW

After going through the chapter once, return through and review each question before putting the material away. Make any necessary changes to questions to ensure they are as comprehensive and helpful as possible.

REFLECT

Try to find connections with the different questions and other material from the course or your general knowledge. Use the bottom space on your page to write a one or two sentence reflection/connection.