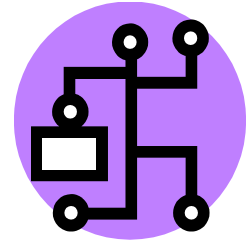


Quick Tip of the Week

Did you know . . .

Taking notes while reading or mapping the content of what you read can be very useful to help you remember and understand what you read. Keep in mind, these are just suggestions and you are not required to do any of them. Pick the ones you like and try them out. If you ever have any questions about these strategies, ask your Instructor or come see us at the Advocacy Center, JH 308 for help.



Strategy # 13: Marginal Notes: Talking with the Text- While reading, jot down notes about the text in the white space around the text. The nature of the marginal notes are up to you. Notes can be summaries of important ideas, comments on ideas, brief quotes of interesting or puzzling passages, insights or responses or ideas you have while reading, etc.

Strategy # 24: Mapping a Text- During and after reading your text, draw a reading map, a visual representation, of the structure or main ideas in a text. A map can be as simple as a list of key ideas or it can be a complex, symbolic representation of a text's internal relationships and patterns. A useful technique for many readers is to draw a web. Place a key term from the text in a circle in the middle of a page. Then start drawing interconnected circles and boxes of ideas and details drawn from the text. This can also be an excellent technique to use when you are preparing to write a paper about a text.

http://www.public.coe.edu/~wcenter/handouts_reading.php