# PQRST Reading Strategy

## PREVIEW

**Why?** To get the “main idea” of what you’re reading before you begin. This will help in your comprehension or understanding of what you read.

**How to do it?** Before reading the text, look over titles/subtitles, pictures, captions, charts, maps, graphs, bold words, or the first sentence of every paragraph.

## QUESTION(S)

**Why?** to help generate questions based on your preview information so you know the important facts to look for.

**How?** Read over chapter questions, create questions based on preview information, turn titles into questions, ask questions about graphic information, vocabulary, or first sentences. Write the questions down.

## READ

**How?** Read aloud or silently. Keep your questions in mind and look for the answers. Then write down the answers to your questions.

## STATE

**Why?** To check your understanding of what you’ve read by stating in your own words what you’ve read.

**When?** After reading several pages in a textbook or a chapter in a chapter book, try to summarize what you read and answer your preview questions.

## TEST

**Why?** To recall what you read.

**How?** Ask yourself the questions again and see if you can remember the answers. Re-state them aloud.

**When?** Regularly until you’re tested over the material.