Reading for Information

When you are reading something to learn or understand a topic, you are reading for information. Typically, the information you are reading is factual (nonfiction).

**BEFORE**
- Think about what you already know about the subject or the story before beginning to read
- Set a purpose for reading that will direct you to the information
- Preview the materials by examining charts, pictures, graphs, headings, etc.
- Predict what the text will be about or what the author will say
- Skim each passage or paragraph. Pay attention to the first and last sentences of each paragraph to determine the main idea or theme of that section.
- Slow down your reading and list the key words.

**DURING**
- Read the material carefully - verify your predictions and answer questions
- **Identify method of organization**
- Make connections to my life
- When you are reading, you might want to back up and re-read something that isn’t clear or seems important

**AFTER**
- **Take out the information** by taking notes on note cards, paraphrasing, highlighting, outlining, or making a data chart
- Summarize the information you’ve selected
- Reread to answer questions you still have
- Reflect, react, recap