



THIEVES Method

What is the THIEVES Method?

The THIEVES method is a reading technique to better understand and retain information from the text you are reading.

Instructions

- **Title**
 - What is the title? How is it relevant to what you are learning?
- **Headings**
 - What are the section headings? How can I turn this into a question to be answered after reading that section?
- **Introduction**
 - What does the introduction tell you that you will be reading about?
- **Every first sentence in a paragraph**
 - Read the first sentence in each paragraph. What is the paragraph about based on the first sentence?
- **Visuals and vocabulary**
 - Does the chapter include photographs, drawings, maps, charts, or graphs?
 - What can I learn from the visuals in a chapter?
 - How do captions help me better understand the meaning?
 - Is there a list of key vocabulary terms and definitions?
 - Are there important words in boldface type throughout the chapter?
 - Do I know what the boldfaced words mean?
 - Can I tell the meaning of the boldfaced words from the sentences in which they are embedded?
- **End of chapter questions**
 - What do the questions ask?
 - What information do they earmark as important?
 - What information do I learn from the questions?
 - Keep the end-of-chapter questions in mind so you can annotate the text where pertinent information is located.
- **Summary**
 - What do I understand and recall from the reading?