# Activate your Reading Checklist

# Before you Read

Identify the type of text (Fiction, Textbook, Journal Article)

Identify the context of the text

* Who wrote it?
* When?
* Why?
* Who is the target audience?
* What’s the main idea or topic?

Identify the context within your course

* Why have I been assigned this reading?
* How does it fit into the syllabus?
* How will I use it in the course (write an assignment, reflect on it, use it as an evidence in an exam, widen my knowledge of the subject)?

Ask yourself how much you already know about it? (Is the topic familiar to you or new to you)

* If new to you or if it is somewhat difficult do some background research (Prime)
* Familiar to you, start by reading the introduction

# While Reading

Identify the author’s line of reasoning?

What evidence is the author using to support their arguments or opinions?

Is evidence valid? Logical? Do you agree with it or disagree with it? Why?

Note the answers to your questions

# After Reading

Summarize the main idea of the article in your own words

Summarize the supporting ideas in your own words

Test your understanding & identify any parts you might need to re-read or understand better

Write questions about the text

Connect to Prior Knowledge

* How does this text relate to what I already know about the topic, or experiences I have?

Explain it to yourself