# 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