**Tips for Active College Reading**

**Before You Read**
1. Approach with a positive attitude
2. Organize your reading into chunks
3. Review past readings
4. Preview before reading:
   a. Table of Contents
   b. Focus Objectives/Questions
   c. Titles/Headings
   d. Special Formatting:
      i. CAPTIALS
      ii. Bold
      iii. Italics
      iv. Color
   e. Visual Elements
      i. Charts/Graphs
      ii. Diagrams
      iii. Illustrations
      iv. Cartoons/photos
   f. Summaries
5. Identify the purpose & Understand the assignment
6. Create your own questions

**While You Read**
1. Read in chunks and for ideas
2. Pause at the end of each chunk and recite a summary in your own words
3. Read to answer the questions
   a. Book Questions
   b. Assignment Questions
   c. YOUR Questions
4. Mark and annotate your text
5. Take notes and Create a useful guide
   a. CORE Method
   b. SQ3R
   c. PDR
   d. THIEVES
   e. Cornel Notes
   f. Linear/Graphic Outline
6. Look up and use context clues for key words
7. Read Critically
   a. Credibility?
   b. Evidence?
   c. Bias?

**After You Read**
1. Reflect on what you read
   a. Key Concepts?
   b. Main Ideas?
   c. Supporting Details?
   d. What do I think?
2. Reread difficult areas based on the other concepts
3. Recite areas you marked
4. Talk to others about what you read and understand
5. Plug into other guides you created in the class
6. Use memory strategies
   a. Mnemonics
   b. Flashcards
   c. Music
   d. Recite
   e. Summarize
7. Seek assistance with muddy points

To retrieve blank worksheets:
FCC homepage>Library>Resource Guides>Student Help &Support>Study Skills>Reading