

## Active Reading Skills

### ASK QUESTIONS

- Who is involved?
- What are they doing? (Why?)
- What do they want very badly? (Why?)
- What is the situation or problem?
- Who is telling the story? (Why?)
- How is the story designed? (Why?)
- What is the source of tension?
- Can you trust the narrator?

### MAKE CONNECTIONS

- I wonder why....
- What caused...
- I think...
- This is similar to...
- This is important because...
- What do they mean by...
- What I find confusing is...
- What will happen next is...
- I can relate to this because...

### PREDICT

- What will happen next?
- Why do you think that?
- What effect will that have on the story or the characters?

### SUMMARIZE

- What happened?
- What is essential to tell?
- What was the outcome?
- Who was involved?
- Why did this happen?
- Is that a detail or essential information?

### CLARIFY

- Read ahead if you have a basic understanding of the text
- Ask questions
- Re-read what you don't understand
- Identify what you don't understand so you know what to ask help on

### SYNTHESIZE

- Three important points/ideas are...
- These are important because...
- What comes next...
- The author wants us to think...
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