



THIEVES Practice

T: From the title, what do you already know about the topic?

Predict what the text is about::

H: Look at all headings (& Table of Contents) and then turn them into important questions that you think the text will answer. (Why, How...)

I: Use the introduction and first paragraph to predict the main idea (or to create a big question you think the text will answer):

E: Read every first sentence of each paragraph. Highlight 3-5 words in each sentence. What words are repeated in these sentences?

V: List three important visuals (pictures, diagrams and captions) and explain their purpose in helping you to understand the topic.

Notice and read bolded vocabulary.

E: Read the end-of-chapter questions.

Underline up to five key words in EVERY question/answer.

Keep an eye out for repetition of key words—this can help you identify the main idea.

S: So What? Why do you think the author wrote this? What is this article about? Summarize what you have found.