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Improving Your Critical Reading

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1. Preview everything you read (except literature of course).
2. Increase your rate by:
 - a. a quick return sweep.
 - b. reading in phrases.
 - c. not regressing.
3. Annotate **after** the first reading.
4. Take notes based on your annotations. Use an outline form that works for you (an outline with numbers/letters/Roman numerals, Cornell notes, a graphic map).
5. Create a mental and written summary.
6. Keep reading when you encounter new vocabulary. Use the dictionary **after** finishing the reading material.
7. Pay attention to graphic illustrations.
8. Understand the author's purpose and tone.
9. Reflect and evaluate after reading.
10. Engage in critical thinking:
Steps in analyzing an argument
 - a. Identify the position
 - b. Identify the support
 - c. Evaluate the support
 - d. Evaluate the argument

Remember—the more you read, the better reader you will become.

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