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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