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SURVEY	Image from Flickr user Kalexanderson	 Examine overall structure of the reading Skim abstract, introduction, and conclusion Read all headings and subheadings Briefly review visual information such as tables, charts, maps, images Look over references Time: ~1 minute
QUESTION	Image from Flickr user <u>Kalexanderson</u>	 Ask questions about the reading and how it relates to your topic What is this reading about? What questions will this reading answer? What can I learn about my topic from this reading? If this reading will be useful proceed to the next step <i>Time: 1 minute</i>
READ	Abstract Abstract Abstract The following of the property of	 Actively engage the reading one section at a time Try to find answers for your topic in the reading After each section recite/rewrite what you learned Examine words in bold, italics, or underlined Highlight, mark up, and flag important content Reread problem sections if necessary Time: Varies
RECITE/REWRITE	Image from Flickr user Kalexanderson	 Put the reading away where you cannot see it Orally or in writing discuss key points of the reading If you have time try reciting and rewriting the information in your own words Pull from these notes when paraphrasing in your paper Time: ~1 minute
REVIEW	Image from Flickr user Kalexanderson	 Write down additional questions that come up in the recite/rewrite process Highlight keywords and topics for continuing research Look over the reading again Discuss the reading with others Time: ~5 minutes

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