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READING: LITERATURE

While SQ4R and SQ3R are the best-known textbook reading methods, they are most widely used for social studies and the sciences. For the study of prose, poetry, and dramatic literature, EVOKER is an effective method.

E - Explore

Exploring the material is simply reading the entire selection silently to gain a feeling for the overall message.

V - Vocabulary

As you explore the selection, jot down or underline any words, places, events, and people with which you are unfamiliar. After your reading is completed, look up the meaning or significance of each and put this information in your notebook.

O - Oral Reading

Read the selection aloud with expression.

K - Key Idea

Locate key ideas to determine the author's organization. Determine the main idea or theme and make notes in the text or your notebook.

E - Evaluation

This step is simply the analysis of key words and sentences in respect to their contribution to the work as a whole. Make notes in text or notebook.

R - Recapitulation

After completing the above steps, read the selection once again. In this reading, more ideas and the significance of people, places and events should readily be apparent to you for a more thorough understanding of the selection.

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