

# ***READ WITH UNDERSTANDING* DIARY**

Use the Read with Understanding Guide if you're unfamiliar with strategies you might use.

**TEXT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Read With Understanding</b>	<b>What did you do? How did you do it?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Determine the reading purpose.</li></ul>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Determine the reading purpose.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>What is your general purpose in reading this text?</b></li> <li>➤ <b>What are some specific things you want to get out of this reading?</b>  <i>TRY:</i> Read the title and look at the pictures. What do you notice about the way the text looks? Are there headings? Turn the headings into questions. What are the questions you think this text will answer?</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Check comprehension and adjust reading strategies.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Tune in to whether or not you are understanding as you read.</b>  <i>TRY:</i> Stop every paragraph or page and:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cover the text and tell yourself what you read</li> <li>• answer any questions you wrote at the beginning.</li> <li>• Think of new questions for the next section</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>Use different strategies when you get stuck:</b>  <i>TRY:</i> Reread, break down words you don't know, use context clues, use the glossary or margin notes, look at pictures/charts on the page.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Analyze the information and reflect on its underlying meaning.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Can you summarize the main ideas from the readings?</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Can you make sense of the author's writing?</b>  <i>TRY:</i> Making a graphic organizer or text map to "see" the information in a different form.</li> </ul>
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