

## Academic Reading

- Before you begin reading:**
  - Review the assignment guidelines carefully.
  - Note what your professor wants you to pay specific attention to.
  - Print both assignment guidelines and the reading whenever possible. Enlarging the font or copying pages from a text so you can make notes and highlights may also help.
  - Create a timeline for reading, breaking it into sections.
  - Find a quiet place to read where you won't be interrupted. Consider wearing noise canceling headphones.
  
- What do you already know about the topic?**
  - What have you learned about the topic from class?
  - What questions do you have about the topic?
  - Does the title help you understand what the reading might be about?
  - Consider searching and reviewing historical timelines before reading to help with understanding historical and literary topics.
  
- Taking notes while reading will help when you begin writing.**
  - Create a file or keep notes while reading. Stop and briefly summarize what you have read so far.
  - Define concepts/terms mentioned in the guidelines and the reading that you are unsure of.
  - Keep notes on main points while reading, and note the page/paragraph numbers.
    - Outlining is a great way to remember the main points later
  - Highlight key words or phrases.