Active Reader Strategies

1) Preview the Text (PT)
   • Based on the title and the pictures, what is the story about?
   • What information does the title, subheadings, and images reveal?
   • What are some of the important vocabulary words and/or key concepts?

2) Predict (P)
   • What do you think the story will be about? Why?
   • Based on some of the clues, can you predict what will happen next?
   • What information or details do you think the author will present next?
   • Did you predict correctly? Why or why not?

3) Connect (C)
   • What does the story or the topic remind you of?
   • How does the story relate to your life? To another person’s life?
   • What information do you already know about this topic?

4) Question (Q)
   • What is confusing about the story or the topic?
   • What words or phrases are difficult to understand?
   • What would you like to know more about?

5) Visualize (V)
   • How do you picture the story or the concept in your head?
   • What movie does the story remind you of?
   • What can you touch, see, hear, smell, and/or taste?
   • How do you feel when you imagine this part of the story?

6) Infer (I)
   • What do you think the author is trying to tell you?
   • How do you feel about what is happening in the story?
   • What can you guess based on the information you’ve read?

7) Summarize (S)
   • What has happened so far in the story?
   • What are the most important events or the most significant concepts?
   • What is important to understand and learn?

8) Draw Conclusions (DC)
   • What is the author’s purpose?
   • What is the author’s central message(s)?
   • What is s/he trying to tell you about life?