**HOW TO READ A TEXTBOOK:**

What to Read:

Big Words (Section and chapter titles)

**Bold Words**

Pictures

Sentence **Bold** word is in

Reading a Textbook:

* Why Read Limited Sections? It is a time management skill, though nothing can replace reading the whole section there are methods that can highlight the main idea and save you time.

TIME Management method

Not every method works for every person

Not every method works for every reason you read:

* Preview/intro
* Review/reinforce
* Study
* Learn more/add detail and examples/supplement what they didn’t get to.
* What should I focus on reading?

1. Summary sections – IMPORTANT & Read questions you will be asked to answer first
   1. Read the whole summary
   2. It often helps to read this section first! Before you read anything else
2. **Bold** words (section headers and vocabulary) are the key
   1. Section headers tell you the topic and the sub headers tell you the big idea in each topic
   2. Reading the first and last sentence in each section
   3. PLUS - the whole sentence that any bold word in is the KEY! – This will help you build the necessary vocab for the section and be successful in a science class.
3. Pictures can remind you of things you already now and you can trust that the author chose them carefully to ID the
   1. ID the big ideas. – In science it’s pretty safe to ignore pictures of people that discovered something.
   2. For picture: look at the pic, read the legend and read the sentence that has FIG #... in it.

***If you can do all three of these things you will have a good handle on the material, not all the detail but the main concepts.***