

Reading Strategy for Biology Textbooks

Step 1: Quickly Scan the Chapter to Locate:

- Unfamiliar Words (Look them up in a dictionary)
- Bold, Italic Words
- This will save You lots of time when You start Reading the Chapter

Step 2: Identify Main Concepts to build a solid foundation:

- Read: Introduction & Summary sections: these Summarize Important Key Concepts

Step 3: Quickly Survey Chapter before Reading:

- Title, Headings, Subheadings, Sections
- Diagrams, Graphs, Tables, etc. [see handout]
- Questions at end of Chapter (helps give You Focus & Goals as You read)

Step 4: Begin Reading the Chapter ...

Also:

Research Articles:

- These often have a good abstract, introduction and Summary, however you should still read through the article for complete understanding of topic