

# SQ3R

## Survey Question Read Recite and Review

What does the title mean? The title for this new higher level of study is abbreviated to make it easier to remember and make reference to it more simple. The symbols stand for the steps which the reader follows in using this method.

### What are the steps?

**1. Survey** the material first. Familiarize yourself with it in advance. Look at Chapter Headings, Maps, Graphs, Questions, and Summaries. This survey will orient you to the main ideas around which the chapter is centered.

**2. Question** what you see before reading. What is the chapter about? Turn the chapter headings into questions. This arouses curiosity as well as drawing to mind material already known, thus aiding in comprehension. Your questions should anticipate the instructor's: Who? What? Where? How? When? Why?

**3. Read**, searching for details that answer your questions. If your questions are not answered, look again at your questions or do further research on your topic.

When you use the SQ3R formula, you only need to do this "READ" step once. Re-reading becomes unnecessary.

**4. Recite** the answers to your questions at the end of each section or chapter. This aids in memory and comprehension and prepares you for class discussions.

Jot down in the margin or on a study sheet cue phrases to help when reviewing.

**5. Review** each section of each chapter. After completing your work, look over your notes frequently reciting the main points and noting their relationship to one another. Check your memory as to the content by reciting major sub-points under each section heading.

Initially, this system may require more time, but when you have used it a few times, it will become a habit and actually save you time with a smooth, effective way to study.

What results can you expect if you read and study in this method? When you use the SQ3R system, you can expect to become a more active student, able to study with more confidence and more ease:

- a. You will learn to pick out the important ideas quickly.
- b. You will understand difficult material better.
- c. You will be able to remember more of the material longer.
- d. You can review your quickly and easily without going back to re-read the text.
- e. You will read faster without wasting time.

