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Critical Reading Strategies: SQ4R Process
What is “SQ4R”? 
Survey, Question, Read, Respond, Record, Review.
SURVEY  [SQ4R]

➔ Survey your start & finish line
  ◆ Introduction- - - - - -Conclusion

➔ Survey your points of interest
  ◆ Subheaders & section titles
  ◆ Pictures, graphs, charts
  ◆ Bold or italicized words

➔ Survey the author’s finale
  ◆ What were her final questions?
Question [SQ4R]

➡️ Question everything!
   ◆ Use your survey from Step 1
   ◆ Use the points of interest

➡️ Investigative
   ◆ Who, what, where, when, why, how

➡️ Higher order thinking
   ◆ Links
   ◆ Impacts
   ◆ Include/exclude
Read [SQ4R]

➔ Hunt for Answers
➔ Read Methodically
➔ How to handle confusion
  ◆ New = Online search
  ◆ Known = reference & review
Respond  [SQ4R]

- Custom note development
- Answer your Step 2 questions
- Keyword creation
- Study guide created

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Record [SQ4R]

➔ Knowledge Summary
   ◆ What was learned.
   ◆ Main ideas.
   ◆ interrelation/ correlation
   ◆ quotes/passages [cited]
Review [SQ4R]

➔ Premade Study Guide
  ◆ Steps 2-5

➔ Frequent, consistent review
  ◆ weekly

➔ Connects lectures, notes, and readings
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