**Four Strategies to Better Understand What You Are Reading**

**PREDICTION:**

* *look at the title, major headings, and illustrations*
* *try to predict what this text will be about*
* *as you read, how does your prediction change?*

**LIST MAIN IDEAS:**

* *Stop after each paragraph or two, and write a summary sentence identifying the key concept (not the details!)*

**QUESTION GENERATION:**

* *look at your summary sentences, and develop a question for each that the main idea will answer.*

**CLARIFYING:**

* **Unknown words** – *use context clues (surrounding words & sentences) to figure out the meaning of a word or use a dictionary.*
* **Unknown phrases or sentences** – *reread for further understanding. If words such as “them, it, they” are used, make sure you understand what nouns they refer to.*