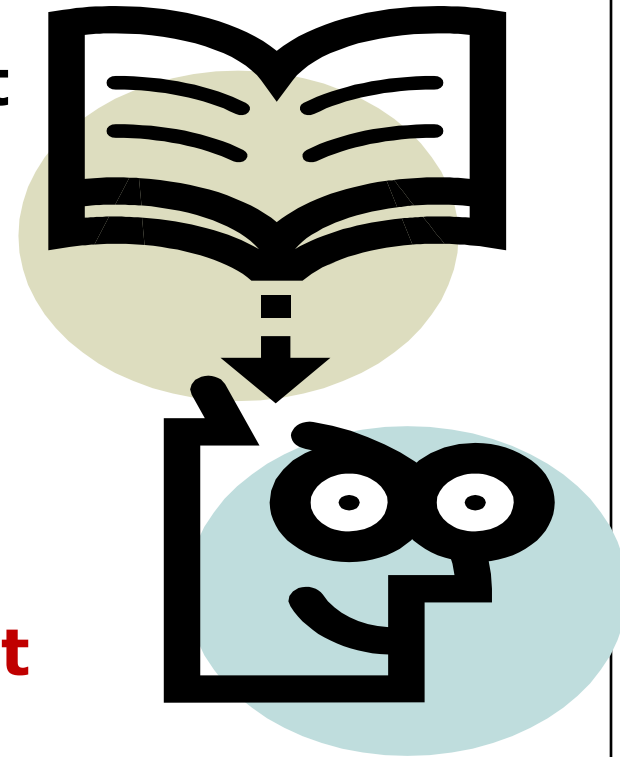


# **The Seven Habits of Effective Readers**

# Brainstorming

**Reading effectively isn't magic. Whether or not they are actively aware of their strategies, the most effective readers employ specific interactive thinking techniques to enhance their comprehension.**

**Contemplate your own strategies. How do you think about and interact with what you read? What do you think are the seven habits that effective readers utilize?**



# Habit 1

**B**

- Activate your **background knowledge**.
- Every reader begins interacting with a text with his or her own schema based on experience and education.



# Habit 2

V



- **Visualize.**
- Effective readers create a mental (or actual) picture of what they read. They see the characters and setting in order to enhance comprehension.

# Habit 3

- Create **connections**.

C



- Comprehension is enhanced when readers make one of three types of associations: text-self (personal), text-text (intratextual), and text-world (intertextual).
- Effective readers contemplate how what they read relates to their own lives, other parts of the same text, and other texts they have encountered (literature, film, art, music, history, and current events).

# Habit 4

- Make predictions.

P



- As they read, effective readers conjecture what will happen as the text progresses. They base their forecasts on what they have experienced and perceived in the text thus far.

# Habit 5

I

- **Infer.**

- Rather than relying on what is directly stated, effective readers make deductions based on suggestions and clues within the text.



# Habit 6

Q

- **Ask questions.**

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- Effective readers monitor for meaning by asking questions about what they have read. They inquire to optimize their comprehension.



# Habit 7

S

- **Synthesize.**

- As they read, effective readers determine the importance of elements such as scenes, images, conflicts, characters, and setting details.

