

Reflecting critically on readings

1.	BEFORE READING • What do I already know about this issue? • What do I want to get out of this material? • Why am I reading this paper? • Predictions (I think this article/chapter/blog post will ...)	
2.	INTRODUCTION/ABSTRACT • What questions are raised? • What points of interest are there for me?	
3.	SKIM READING • Structure • Highlight – sparingly • Follow up on points of interest from the abstract • Note points of interest/references to follow up • Identify points you agree/disagree with, and explain why	
4.	READING FOR DEEPER MEANING • Read specific sections in more depth • Note your own comments, reactions, questions • What are authors trying to do in writing this paper? • What are the authors saying that is relevant to what I want to find out? • How convincing is what the authors are saying? How do they try to persuade the reader? • What evidence do the authors use to support their argument? How do their comments compare to the findings of other authors I have encountered? • How can I make use of what I have read in my practice?	