

# STEPS TO SUCCESS!

## 1. Activate background knowledge – How?

THINK about the text, predict its type and purpose-what will you learn?

- Read the title.
- Read the subtitles.
- Look for pictures, read the captions.
- Look for graphs, bold words.

## 2. Read Passage

How do you read the passage?

- Read slowly and carefully.
- Underline, circle, or write notes in margins to help monitor understanding.
- Reread parts that are confusing.
- Predict and question in your mind.

## 3. Summarize

How do you summarize?

### NARRATIVE:

- Find the most important events from the beginning, middle and end.
- Answer the 5 W's

Who? characters  
Where? setting  
When?  
What happened?  
Problem/Solution  
Why did it happen?

### EXPOSITORY:

What is the topic? What are the important ideas?

## 4. Answer the questions

How do you answer the questions?

- Read the question carefully.
- Understand what the question is asking.
- Return to the text to look for evidence for your answer.
- Is your answer in plain view?
- Is your answer implied?
- Go over answer choices.