

Reading Strategies For Groups

GROUP READING CAN HELP YOU to monitor learning as well as practice summarization and memory skills. The goal is to master text information. This strategy incorporates visual, verbal, and aural (hearing) components and provides group members with opportunities to see how others identify, organize, and learn important information.



STEPS FOR EFFECTIVE GROUP READING/STUDYING

Step 1

Select and study a limited amount of text information. This might be as little as a section in a chapter introduced by a minor subheading. Don't select more than two or three pages.

Step 2

Each group member should practice appropriate marking and labeling strategies when reading the information.

Step 3

Members continue to study and reflect on the information until everyone has completed the task.

Step 4

Select one person to recall and summarize the information *without looking at the text*. That person should include important terms and ideas in the summary, and describe mnemonic devices, analogies, charts, drawings, or other visuals which reinforce or clarify information.

Step 5

As the "recaller" summarizes information, group members *using the texts* check the accuracy and completeness of the summary, using mnemonic devices, analogies, charts, drawings, or other visuals to reinforce or clarify information.

Step 6

The group then discusses the information, continues to clarify information, and suggests ways to consider and remember concepts.

Step 7

During discussion, each person should note important information, terms, visuals, or other information for later individual study.

Step 8

Repeat the process with another member of the group serving as the "recaller" until all the information has been studied.

Adapted from: Longman, D., Atkinson, R. "College Learning and Study Skills." Wadsworth Publishing Company (1999): 237.