



## Wyoming Public Schools



### Active Reading

**DEFINITION of Active Reading** = Students visibly interacting with text to reflect their level of understanding.

**PURPOSE of Active Reading** = to help students and teachers identify immediate next steps in clarifying/defining/narrowing/etc. before moving on to tasks.

**NEEDED:** Students need a pencil or pen (not highlighter) to do the following:

#### **STEPS in Active Reading:**

1. **Circle** key terms, technical terms and/or verbs
2. **Underline** main idea, important information, key phrases, definitions
3. **Question mark** next to words/phrases you don't know
4. **Write in the margin** questions, summary statement, notes, thoughts, connections, predictions and/or draw pictures
5. **Draw a box** around transition words: first, second, however
6. **OPTIONAL:** Other symbols you may choose to use but are not required are double underline, check mark (identify factual details), star (topic sentence)

Active Reading is NOT highlighting!

#### **NOTES:**

When students can't write in the textbook, you may want to use post-it notes.

Reading strategies include: Pre-reading; During reading (active reading); After reading