

<b>Critical Thinking</b>	<b>Make and record these observations as you read.</b>
<b>Summarize</b>	Tell the main idea. Tell the beginning, middle, and end. <b>Who did what when, where, why, and how?</b>
<b>Analyze</b>	Break it down into parts. Tell about each part. <b>Break things down to gain a better understanding.</b>
<b>Infer</b>	Read between the lines. What is the hidden meaning? <b>Make logical guesses based on details in the text and your own experiences.</b>
<b>Draw Conclusions</b>	How does your experience compare to this? How does your prior knowledge affect it? <b>Decide what's happening based on evidence, experience, and reasoning.</b>
<b>Evaluate</b>	Form an opinion about validity. <b>Examine something to decide its value or worth.</b>
<b>Describe</b>	Give details. Paint a picture with words. <b>Identify and tell about its attributes.</b>
<b>Interpret</b>	What is the author's purpose in this piece, this paragraph, this sentence, or this device? <b>Find deeper meaning in the text.</b>
<b>Make Judgments</b>	<b>Gather evidence from the text and form an opinion. Be prepared to support and explain!</b>
<b>Compare</b>	Identify all the ways two or more subjects are the same.
<b>Contrast</b>	Identify all the ways two or more subjects are different. <b>Decide: are the subjects more alike or more different.</b>
<b>Predict</b>	Hypothesize. Make an educated guess based in the text.
<b>Make Generalizations</b>	Gather evidence then decide what is best ideas are suggested. <b>Form a broad, valid statement about the subject.</b>
<b>Synthesize</b>	Think of what you already know about the subject and add facts, details, and ideas in the reading. <b>Combine information together to gain a better understanding.</b>
<b>Examine Perspectives</b>	Look for a writer's statements of opinions. Decide how perspective affects the information you get. <b>Think about what values and beliefs are being presented.</b>
<b>Classify</b>	Look for common characteristics. Cite evidence from your reading to support your classifications. <b>Decide how pieces of information might fit into categories.</b>