# READING STRATEGIES FOR SCHOLARLY ARTICLES

Read: The title	<b>→</b>	Why: The title tells you what the paper is "about"	title	Do: vrite the e in your n words	<b>→</b>		
<b>Read:</b> The abstract	<b>→</b>	Why: The abstract contagonal paper's main point as its thesis (larges	ts as well	the	<b>Do:</b> Write the esis in your wn words	<b>→</b>	
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Read: Section headings	<b>→</b>	Why Section headings to the paper's n and will tell yo	s correspond main points ou how the	<b>→</b>		hat coi	<b>Do:</b> k next to every section responds to the points listed above
Read: Introduction	•	Why: The introduction will reiterate the paper's thesis or main point and provide background/context		Do: Check that you have the thesis correct. Revise as needed.		<b> </b>	Do: Note any unfamiliar words or terms. Look them up and write out definitions for them.

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Read: Conclusion	Why: The conclusion discusses the major findings of the research.	<b>→</b>	Do:  Note how the authors conclude. Do they indicate more research is required? Do they suggest another direction for research? Do they
			believe their results are important or valuable?

## DOES THIS ARTICLE STILL LOOK USEFUL FOR YOUR PURPOSES? IF SO, THEN ...

# Read:

the entire paper



### Why:

At this point you have gotten the gist of the paper. You will now be looking for specific details.



#### Do:

Next to each paragraph, write a few words saying what the paragraph's main point is. The paragraph topic sentences should help guide you. Doing this will enable you to find information quickly down the road without having to re-read the whole article.



#### Do:

Highlight sentences you think you will want to quote later. Do not cut and paste from an online article, as it can be hard to remember which words are quotations when you do that. You will need to carefully give credit for your source's words as well as their thoughts.

LAST ...

#### Skim:

The references



#### Why:

References point you to what others in the field have written, and how recently.



#### Do:

Circle or highlight any of the references you think might be valuable for your own research.

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