

Pre-reading, Questioning and Re-reading

UNIT ONE. ENG2L

Assignment 1: Choosing a book.

For each of the three books that you have to choose from, answer the following questions:

1. Based on the title and picture on the cover, what do you think the book is going to be about? (One or two sentences).
2. Read the back of the book. What new information do you have about the book?
3. Is the book like anything you've ever read before?
4. Do you already have background knowledge that might link to the book?
5. What do you think you would learn by reading the book?
6. Which book would you most enjoy reading?
7. Write a paragraph explaining why you have made the choice.

Assignment 2: Beginning to read.

1. Read the first page.
2. Write a few sentences about what you think of the first page. Does it grab your attention? What is interesting? What do you think the rest of the chapter will be about?
3. Read the rest of the chapter. (or maybe two chapters).
4. Do you think you made a good choice? (If not, it is not too late to change your mind). Write a few sentences about why you think it is or isn't a good choice.
5. If you decide to try another one of the books, go back to step one of assignment 2.

Assignment 3: Getting into the book.

1. Read the next chapter (or two if they're short).
2. As you are reading, write down any questions that you think of about the book.
3. At the end of the chapter, look back and see if you can answer any of the questions that you had, now that you're done.
4. Summarize this section in a paragraph or two.

Assignment 4:

1. Read the first 4 pages of the next chapter.
2. On a scale of 1 to 10, how well did you understand the chapter?
3. Read the SAME 4 PAGES again.
4. How well did you understand them this time? Did you notice anything that you didn't notice in the first reading?
5. Read those 4 pages for the third and final time. Rate your level of understanding again.
6. Did your understanding increase or decrease as you re-read the pages? Why? Make some jot notes about what you did, or thought, differently each time.