

# Reading a Challenging Text?

Our Graduate Students have some tips & tricks to help get you through it!

- **Take Your Time!**
  - Use computer to listen to the text
  - Synthesize thoughts in sections
  - Reread a few times
- **Become One with the Text**
  - Read text aloud to yourself
  - Have a conversation with yourself
  - Synthesize ideas
  - Pick apart the text
- **Tricky words?**
  - Look it up!
  - Don't get tripped up over one word
  - Write down key vocab words
- **Take Notes**
  - Pull direct quotes
  - Reword text into friendly language
  - Speak notes into laptop or phone for digital copy
- **Annotate the Text**
  - Mark up the margins
  - Use Post-it Notes
  - Highlight & underline
  - Use symbols for big ideas & questions
- **Make Connections**
  - With other courses
  - Share ideas with classmates
  - With other readings