

ACTIVITY #2: PURPOSEFUL READING**What to do:**

1. In two or three minutes, look over the chapter title, the main headings within the chapter, and any introductory or summarizing material. Answer the following questions: What is the author's main purpose in this chapter? What are the main ideas? What is the structure of the information presented?

2. Divide the chapter into sections; it is usually a good idea to use the primary or secondary headings as the dividers. Read or study each section using the following strategies:

- Look at the section heading and turn it into a question. You will be reading to answer that question.
- Look for the general definition or primary idea of the section's topic in the first two or three paragraphs and mark it by underlining, highlighting, or bracketing.
- Read or study each paragraph. What information is the author giving? Why is he or she giving it? Place a check mark beside the paragraph if you can answer both questions and an "X" if you cannot.
- At the end of the section, stop, reflect, and answer your original section heading question. Additionally, look at any paragraphs you marked with an "X." Do they make sense now? If so, cross out the "X." If not, write down questions to ask your instructor.
- Mark one to four important ideas, facts, or conclusions you believe you should remember.
- As you finish each section, on your own paper write a short summary statement of what you believe to be the most important ideas of the section.