

Active Reading Strategies Checklist

Use this checklist while reading to stay engaged, improve comprehension, and gather stronger material for your book report.

- 1 ● Annotate important passages while reading.
- 2 ● Highlight key ideas, quotes, and plot points.
- 3 ● Write margin notes summarizing each section.
- 4 ● Identify unfamiliar vocabulary and define it.
- 5 ● Ask questions about characters, motives, and events.
- 6 ● Track emerging themes and symbols.
- 7 ● Connect events to earlier parts of the story.
- 8 ● Make predictions about what may happen next.
- 9 ● Visualize scenes to improve understanding.
- 10 ● Summarize each chapter in your own words.
- 11 ● Note emotional reactions or personal connections.
- 12 ● Mark confusing sections to revisit later.
- 13 ● Track character development and conflicts.
- 14 ● Record important page numbers for evidence.
- 15 ● Compare events to real-world issues or experiences.