

# THIEVES: Reading Technique

## **Title**

- What is the title? What do I already know about this topic?
- What does this topic have to do with the preceding chapter?
- Does the title express a point of view?
- What do I think I will be reading about?

## **Headings**

- What does this heading tell me I will be reading about?
- What is the topic of the paragraph beneath it?
- How can I turn this heading into a question that is likely to be answered in the text?

## **Introduction**

- Is there an opening paragraph, perhaps italicized?
- Does the first paragraph introduce the chapter?
- What does the introduction tell me I will be reading about?
- Do I know anything about this topic already?

**Every first sentence in a paragraph:** What do I think this chapter is going to be about based on the first sentence in each paragraph?

## **Visuals and vocabulary**

- Does the chapter include photographs, drawings, maps, charts, or graphs?
- What can I learn from the visuals in a chapter?
- How do captions help me better understand the meaning?
- Is there a list of key vocabulary terms and definitions?
- Are there important words in boldface type throughout the chapter?
- Do I know what the boldfaced words mean?
- Can I tell the meaning of the boldfaced words from the sentences in which they are embedded?

## **End-of-chapter questions**

- What do the questions ask?
- What information do they earmark as important?
- What information do I learn from the questions?
- Let me keep in mind the end-of-chapter questions so that I may annotate my text where pertinent information is located.

**Summary:** What do I understand and recall about the topics covered in the summary?