

What are the thinking strategies that all proficient readers use as they read?

- **Determining What is Important** - Identifying themes and diminishing focus on less important ideas or pieces of information
- **Drawing Inferences** - Combining background knowledge and textual information to draw conclusions and interpret facts
- **Using Prior Knowledge** - Building on previous knowledge and experiences to aid in comprehension of the text
- **Asking Questions** - Wondering and inquiring about the book before, during, and after reading
- **Monitoring Comprehension and Meaning** - Using an inner voice to think about if the text makes sense or not
- **Creating Mental Images** - Implementing the five senses to build images in the mind that enhance the experience of reading