

## THIEVES Protocol

THEIVES is a textbook preview/notetaking strategy that students can use to get the gist of a reading assignment before reading. (It is also a way to THIEVE the assigned chapter before heading to class without having done their homework.)

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A worksheet for guiding students through the process results in notes that will help students internalize important information and summarize it.

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