



READING STRATEGY

The “**Outside-In**” Approach to reading comprehension.

The Outside-In approach to a scholarly article or book is a method that allows you to focus in on the author's central thesis and what matters most. Follow the steps below to learn how:

STEP 1: READ THE INTRODUCTION

Try to understand what central idea(s) the author will be trying to argue and how they will be communicated throughout the text.

STEP 2: READ THE CONCLUSION

The conclusion wraps up the author's main points and clarifies the purpose of the reading.

STEP 3: READ THE FIRST AND LAST PARAGRAPH OF EACH CHAPTER/SECTION

This will allow you to determine the major sub-arguments and their order.

STEP 4: READ/SKIM THROUGH THE ENTIRE READING FROM START TO FINISH.

At this stage, you should already have an idea of the author's main argument. Use this step to focus in on specific pieces of evidence.