Textbook Application – Reading Strategies

I. Before You Read
Discover the organization of your text.
1. How is the whole text organized?
   a. What are the parts called?
   b. What is the organization within a section or part?

2. What is the organization within a chapter?
   a. Are there summaries?
   b. Are there questions at the end of the chapter?

II. Look At The Assigned Chapter

1. What do the photographs, charts and diagrams tell you (read the captions)?
2. What are the subtitles?
3. Look at the questions, if there are any, in the text.
4. Think about what you already know about this topic.
   a. What questions do you have about this subject? Write at least three.

III. First Reading

1. Read the entire chapter or assigned parts as quickly as you can.
2. Record page numbers and your time.
3. List any key words (words that frequently occurred and seemed important to the meaning) that you didn’t know.
4. Were your questions in II.4 answered by the text? If so, what are the answers?

IV. Second Reading

1. Write two more questions you now have.
2. Reread the chapter more carefully.
3. What are the answers to your questions?
4. What were some of the main points?
5. What terms were defined?
6. If there were questions at the end of the chapter, answer them now.