Reading Strategy for History

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**Recognize:**
Look over the chapter. Get an idea of how the chapter is set up. Look at: objectives, sections, summaries, outlines, etc.

**Read:**
Read the chapter and get an overall sense of the time period. Pay close attention to important events, maps, graphs, etc.

**Decipher:**
While reading, take notes on important concepts from the chapter. Focus on causes and consequences of events, different interpretations, comparisons between different eras, etc.

**Delay:**
Let the information sit in your head for a while. Review your notes you took on the chapter in the preceding days.

**Helpful Reading Tips**
- Read in a comfortable environment.
- Think about what the professor might test you on.
- Before moving on, make sure you fully understand the concept.
- Read the summary or conclusion of the chapter because it highlights important material.
- If something is unclear, use the internet. Technology is your friend!
- Study in groups. This way you can get other perspectives.

- **R:** Recognizing the lay out of the chapter can help you understand the writing style of the author and how the information will be presented.
- **R:** When reading, it is important to pay close attention on important events. Also look at map, tables, and charts because they can help you understand the information.
- **D:** Taking notes is very important. Try and focus on causes and consequences of important events, both sides of the story, and comparisons between different eras because this is normally what you will be tested on.
- **D:** Looking at your notes on a different day will help you refresh your memory about what you read. Also look over notes for any papers and or exams.

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