How to Survey a Chapter

Surveying a chapter should take no more than 1 to 2 minutes and is best done before reading begins. Surveying prepares the mind to receive information and makes reading easier and faster.

1. Chapter title
   ________________________________________________________________

2. List 2 questions the title suggests to you.
   (a.) ____________________________________________________________
   (b.) ____________________________________________________________

3. Skim the 1st paragraph, scan each heading, subheading, bold print, and skim the summary questions. What is the chapter about?

4. What do you already know about the subject?

5. Which clues to main points does the chapter contain?
   ___Bold print Summary   ___Graphs, charts, pictures, etc.
   ___Italicized words   ___Numbered/lettered/bulleted lists
   ___Quizzes Questions at the end of chapter
   ___Color-coded paragraphs, tinted insets
   ___Outline of topics to be covered
   ___Key ideas/questions in margin
   ___Other

6. How long will it take you to read this chapter? ________________________________

7. If you don't have time to read the chapter in one sitting, where can you divide it? (page #’s)

8. List at least 4 questions to answer as you read the chapter. Use the back for more questions.
   (a.) ____________________________________________________________
   (b.) ____________________________________________________________
   (c.) ____________________________________________________________
   (d.) ____________________________________________________________

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