



# ACT READING STRATEGIES



## ACT READING TEST 35:00 min / 40 Q

- I. FICTION (8:45) 10 Q
- II. SOCIAL SCIENCE (8:45) 10 Q (non-fiction)
- III. HUMANITIES (8:45) 10 Q (non-fiction)
- IV. NATURAL SCIENCE (8:45) 10 Q (non-fiction)

### 4 Keys to ACT Reading

1. **Passage Order** (Up to YOU to figure out)

2. **Question Order** (Specific to General)

Types of Questions

A. **VOCAB** (in context) short phrases (“ ”) most specific  
Line #, do these first. 2-3 per passage (Expand)

B. **CONCRETE** specific details. **One SPOT!**  
4-5 per passage (Word for Word)  
Keywords...directions

C. **“BIG PICTURE”** main idea, author’s purpose, point of view  
2-3 per passage  
First Question BIG PICTURE

3. **Reading Speed/Time**

**Reading** vs. **Skimming** vs. **Hunting**

4. **LOOK AT THE QUESTIONS FIRST!!! (30-45 sec)**

**MAKE A PLAN!!! (Vocab, Concrete, BIG PICTURE)**