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8 Ways to Support Students in College-Level Reading



1) Be clear about what, how, and why they should read. Set clear expectations for their reading.



5) Survey students anonymously at the start of class to see who read using technology, like Mentimeter.

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2) Make sure you apply what they've read right after they've read it, ideally the next class.



6) Don't go over everything from a reading in class; students will realize they don't need to read!



3) Create reading guides to help scaffold your students' engagement with key texts, pulling out key details and ideas.



7) Hold students accountable for reading either with a discussion in class, a low-stakes reading quiz, or a journal.



4) Preview readings in class before they are assigned, pointing out key areas of focus and sections they can skim.



8) Teach students how to read in your discipline. Show them how to engage with text and draw out important information.

More ideas here!