What is the THIEVES Method?

The THIEVES method is a reading technique to better understand and retain information from the text you are reading.

Instructions

- **Title**
  - What is the title? How is it relevant to what you are learning?

- **Headings**
  - What are the section headings? How can I turn this into a question to be answered after reading that section?

- **Introduction**
  - What does the introduction tell you that you will be reading about?

- **Every first sentence in a paragraph**
  - Read the first sentence in each paragraph. What is the paragraph about based on the first sentence?

- **Visuals and vocabulary**
  - Does the chapter include photographs, drawings, maps, charts, or graphs?
  - What can I learn from the visuals in a chapter?
  - How do captions help me better understand the meaning?
  - Is there a list of key vocabulary terms and definitions?
  - Are there important words in boldface type throughout the chapter?
  - Do I know what the boldfaced words mean?
  - Can I tell the meaning of the boldfaced words from the sentences in which they are embedded?

- **End of chapter questions**
  - What do the questions ask?
  - What information do they earmark as important?
  - What information do I learn from the questions?
  - Keep the end-of-chapter questions in mind so you can annotate the text where pertinent information is located.

- **Summary**
  - What do I understand and recall from the reading?