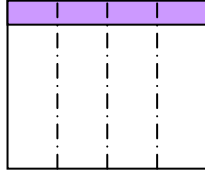


Handout # 11—Reading Strategy: Coding the Text

Materials: Sticky notes, cut into 4 pieces, each with sticky on the end.



Coding Key:

- V.I.P.** Very important information, key concepts
- ?** Information you are confused about or doesn't make sense
- !** Wow or Aha, things you find interesting, hard to believe, or unexpected

As you read the text...

Use your sticky note “**markers**” to mark sections of your text that you find to be key concepts or information (**V.I.P.**), or information you're confused about or that doesn't make sense (**?**), or information you find interesting, hard to believe, or unexpected (**!**).

You may find that you need to move your markers as you read new information. Your goal is to use at least eight markers.

When you finish reading . . .

Go back to each marker and place the appropriate symbol on each marker:

VIP, ?, or !

For every V.I.P summarize the information in your own words

For every ? write a question to express what confuses you or doesn't make sense

For every ! summarize what/why you found this interesting. . .

Note: keep these markers in your text; they will be helpful when you review

When you finish your markers . . .

Transfer the information from your markers onto the **Coding Text Worksheet**