

## Strategies for Multiple Choice Questions

## What you can do while reading the **TEXT**

- **READ** the story and **take NOTES** in the margin
- **Preview questions**
- **Underline** key **words** and important **details**
- **Underline** the **topic sentence** – this contains the main idea

## What you can do while reading the multiple question the **FIRST TIME**

- **Understand what the question is asking**
- **Look at the clue words in the question**
- **Try to answer the question before looking at the choices**
- **Look at all the choices**

## STRATEGIES for Answering Multiple Choice Questions

1. **Logic** – uses common sense
  - Infer – read between the lines
2. **Process of elimination** – cross out
3. **Text Based Support** – look back in the story
  - Highlight answer in the text
  - Skim for certain words in the text
4. **Grammar** – based on the question can you exclude a choice because it is grammatically incorrect

**Example:**  
Mitochondria is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the cell

a) brain	b) condrias
c) vacuoles	d) powerhouse

(is = singular answer, are = plural answer)
5. **Double check your answers**