

HOW TO STUDY, MANUSCRIPT STYLE

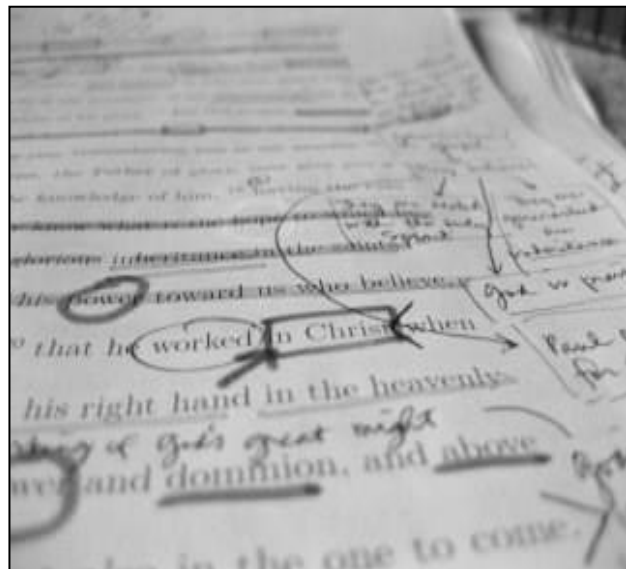
READ & STUDY—Look for the W's

WHO is involved | WHEN did it happen | WHERE is it happening
WHAT is taking place | HOW is it happening, and then... ask the WHY questions regarding what the author's message is about.

Who? What?
When? Where?
Why? How?

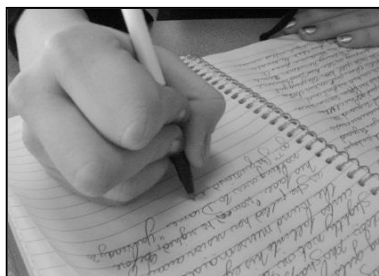


MARK IT UP! Use colored pens/pencils. A four-colored pen can be very handy. Don't worry about getting it perfect, just mark it up!



Use pens and pencils to draw

--Circles around places and people --Boxes around whatever you'd like --Underline key quotes/interactions--Clouds on wherever you feel like --Identify change of scene, watch for contrasts, repetitions, titles, key words, etc.
--Notes go in margins and in between lines....



REFLECT, PRAY, ACT

How does what you're studying apply to you and where you are with God, others, etc.? Keep a personal journal on the back of the pages. Use it to record your thoughts, prayers and new actions.

DISCUSS WITH OTHERS

Share one-on-one or in a group.

You should have a facilitator to lead discussion but no one is the expert. The goal is that EVERYONE contributes their insights. If you're quiet, please speak up, and if you're too talkative... well... not so much. Make the text real in your personal life—together!



HOW TO LEAD, MANUSCRIPT STYLE

--READ the section together out loud. Such reading gives the group a sense of initial togetherness.

--STUDY individually for 15-30 minutes—as long as members are engaged—with colored pens.

--DISCUSS your observations together which can be done one-to-one or within the small group.

Ask the W questions: *Who's involved & where? What's going on & when? How's it happening?*

--DRAW OUT the key interpretative questions/conclusions within a small group discussion: *Why?*

--WRAP-UP with the leader summarizing key points which should lead into personal application.

--APPLY the insights you've gain through further one-to-one or small group sharing/prayer/action.