

Uninterrupted Sustained Silent Reading (USSR)

What do you have to do to become good at something?

- Practice!

Why do we need to be good at reading?

- Reading helps us to
 - improve our writing skills
 - improve our vocabularies (without studying lists and definitions)
 - improve our reading speed
 - recall prior knowledge and build understanding of the world around us
 - determine what is important
 - infer, predict, draw conclusions, make judgements, and form unique interpretations
 - network new information with existing knowledge
 - expand our imaginations
 - problem solve
 - improve our critical thinking skills

Rules of U.S.S.R.

1. Choose a book that interests you and that is at your reading level.
2. Once you have selected a book, stick with it.
3. Books should be at least 200 pages in length – fiction or non-fiction (some exceptions may apply.)
4. You may not count textbook readings from other classes.
5. Manuals and magazines are not acceptable.
6. Bring your books to class every day or keep one in the classroom.
7. Once you complete a book, fill out a USSR form and hand it in.