Tips for Comprehension-
How to better understand what you read

Preview- Before even starting the book, look it over. Do you recognize the title, author, or are you interested in the pictures? Read the back of the book and any reviews.

Create Mental Images/ Visualize- While reading, you should be able to picture everything that is happening. Draw a picture of what you've read; it helps you to remember.

Use Background Knowledge and Make Connections- What do you already know about the topic? How does it relate to another book, you, or the world?

Ask Yourself Questions While You Read- Actively think about what you are reading; ask who, what, where, when, why, how? (Ex. Why that is happening? Where did that character go? When is this taking place?)

Draw Conclusions, Make Inferences and Predictions- Based on what you've read, what can you figure out? What clues can you put together to come up with a new idea about the story? What do you think will happen next or later in the novel?

Determine what is important- Figure out what information is important that you need to know and remember, and what information doesn't matter.

Do you understand what is happening, or not? - Be able to tell if you "get" what is happening. If you do not understand, go back and reread, look up words you don't know, or ask questions to someone who has read the book.

Evaluate what was read- Did you like what you read? Would you recommend it to another person? Was it useful? Did you learn anything?

Summarize/ Retell- In your own words, what happened? Organize and, in your words, tell what happened.