

## “TAKS”NIQUES

1. Read the **title**.
  - Think about what it means.
  - Picture in your mind.
  - Predict what the passage will be about.
2. Look at the **pictures**.
  - Think—What do I know?
  - Predict what the passage will be about.
3. Read the **first sentence**.
  - Think
  - Picture
  - Predict
4. **Ask**—What kind of text is it? (story/informational)  
What do I want to find out?
5. **Read** a short segment—
  - Stop & Think—What did I learn or find out?
  - Picture/Brain Print
  - Summarize/Question—Does it make sense?
6. **Vocabulary**
  - Box it
  - Define it—Write what you think it means in this passage.
7. **Summarize**—Review your notes & brain prints  
Then write: This passage told me . . .  
or This passage is about . . .  
or Somebody wanted . . .
8. Answer **questions**.  
Remember: Go back to the passage!  
**PROVE IT!!**
9. Re-read if you need to.  
**Strategic readers always do!**