CHAPTER 6

Determining Important Information

An important part of understanding what you have read is being able to separate what is really important from what is not.
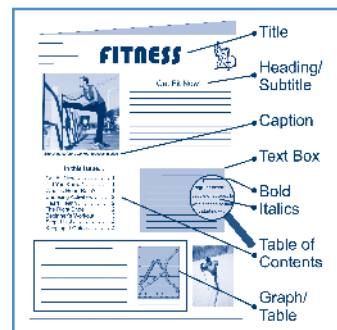
Good readers look for things that help them identify what's important and why.

When reading a story (fiction), look for details about...

- main characters
- setting (when and where the story takes place)
- problem
- solution
- events (what happens)

When reading an information book (non-fiction), look at the following features for clues:

- titles and headings
- bold print
- pictures and captions
- graphs and charts
- index
- glossary
- italics