

## READING COMPREHENSION TIPS FOR SUCCESS

1. Look at the title and any images for clues as to what the text is about
2. Read the text - identify the type of language used (remember PAAIN - Persuasive, Aesthetic, Argumentative, Informative, Narrative). Consider the features of language that are associated with this type of language.
3. Ask yourself - what is the author saying? Who is the audience?
4. Read the questions carefully.
5. Identify keywords in the questions. Ask yourself - what am I being asked here? Think of synonyms you can use in place of the keywords to demonstrate your language.
6. When answering the question constantly refer back to it to make sure you are staying on the point.
7. Don't forget to back up what you say with evidence. Embed the quotations you are using into the text to increase fluency.
8. Try and sandwich your answer. Make a statement, give evidence, make a closing comment - use PQE method.
9. Use connectives to link your points together.
10. For 15 mark answers - aim to write three clear paragraphs ( $\frac{3}{4}$  page). For 20 mark answers - you should be writing four paragraphs (1 A4 page and a bit)
11. Expect the unexpected. For the last couple of years there has been a question based on the texts you study in Paper Two - do not let that shock you. Stay focused on the question asked.

**To be successful at this question you must read. Read lots of different text types - fiction, non-fiction, newspaper articles, blogs, autobiographies etc. Expose yourself to different types of writing.**