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A method of study for secondary (textual) sources

Directions:

* As you read, pay close attention to the subheadings of the chapter
* As you read, take notes on the specific details in the subsection
* Use the notes to turn the *subheading* into a complete sentence that expresses the *“Big Idea”* of that subsection. The subheading must be included as part of the sentence.
* After reviewing the sentences you have written, return to the section heading and make a complete sentence from the section title that expresses the *“Big Idea”* of the entire section.
* After completing the chapter, turn the chapter title into a complete sentence that expresses the *“Big Idea”* of the entire chapter.