FOCUS: The Reading Test is the third section of the ACT. Continue to focus on your testing; concentration will be easier if you have had adequate sleep for a night or two prior to the test day.

UNDERLINE: As you read the passage, underline the most important idea in each paragraph. Also underline strong attitudinal words and lists or examples.

ALWAYS LOOK BACK TO THE PASSAGE for the information that will lead to the correct answer. Do not rely on your memory. Remember that all of the paragraphs are connected to the theme of the passage and that the sentences of each paragraph are connected to the main idea of the individual paragraph.

Maturity is important. The passages are NOT “boring,” “awful,” “dry” or any of those other adjectives you can imagine. They reflect textbook content and structure. Confront the passages with a mature attitude and PRACTICE if you find the passages and questions difficult to complete within the allotted time.