

Participant Instructions

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this study! Please follow the instructions below carefully. If you have any questions, let me know before we begin the session.

Overview

This study is part of a project for CS 443: User Interfaces at the University of Oregon. The goal is to understand how two systems help users apply the SQ3R method for reading and studying. Your participation will involve interacting with one of these systems, completing tasks, and answering a short quiz at the end. This study will take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

What You'll Do

1. **Read Instructions:** Before starting, review this document. I will also explain key details about the study and the SQ3R method.
2. **Use the System:** Follow the on-screen prompts in the prototype system to complete the assigned tasks using the SQ3R method.
3. **Think Aloud:** While you work, verbalize your thoughts, observations, and any challenges you encounter. For example, say things like *"I'm not sure what this button does"* or *"This part makes sense to me."*
4. **Complete the Quiz:** After using the system, you will take a brief, 5-question multiple-choice quiz to assess comprehension of the SQ3R method and the text.

Rules

- **Work Independently:** I will not be able to answer questions or assist you once the session begins.
- **Take Your Time:** There is no time limit, so proceed at a pace that feels comfortable.
- **Think Aloud:** Your verbal feedback is essential for the study.

Steps

1. **Setup:**
 - a. Sit comfortably in the provided workspace with the laptop in front of you.
 - b. Adjust the screen or your seating position as needed.
2. **Start the System:**
 - a. I will confirm the prototype is ready before you begin.
 - b. Follow the system's prompts to navigate.
3. **Apply the SQ3R Method:**

- a. Use the system to practice the steps of the SQ3R method:
 - i. **Survey:** Skim the provided text to get an overview.
 - ii. **Question:** Form questions based on the headings or key concepts.
 - iii. **Read:** Read the text in detail, looking for answers to your questions.
 - iv. **Recite:** Summarize the main ideas and answer your questions.
 - v. **Review:** Go over your notes and the material again to reinforce understanding.
4. **Complete the Quiz:**
 - a. Notify me when you are finished. I will give you the quiz to complete.

Important Notes

- This session will be recorded, but your identity will remain confidential, and your face will not be visible in the recording.
- You can stop participating at any time without penalty.
- Feel free to ask any clarifying questions before starting the task.

Thank you for your time and participation!