READING

**Mapping the Passage**

**Step 1:** ALWAYS read the info blurb! This is what tells you the type of passage and gives you a little context to understand the passage.

**Step 2:**

U.S. & World Literature passages:

* Characterization (both direct and indirect)
* Theme and/or moral

History/Social Studies passages:

* Identify topic and scope
* Note topic sentence of each paragraph and understand its purpose
* Summarize the purpose of the entire passage (to inform, promote, explore, refute, etc)

Science:

* Identify central idea in paragraph 1
* Note how each paragraph relates to central idea
  + Explain? Support? Refute? Summarize?
* DON’T allow jargon and technical terms to throw you off! Any that you MUST know to answer the questions will be defined!