Before you read, it is helpful to preview the text. This will help you activate background knowledge, read more fluently, and understand the reading better. Choose a text to read, but BEFORE you read, practice previewing and make notes on this worksheet.

Use these strategies while previewing:

1. Read the title.
   a. Is it clear?
   b. Does it make you think about anything specific?

2. Notice and read about the author.
   a. Is the author familiar to you?
   b. Does the information about the author give him or her a unique perspective on the topic?

3. Survey the text.
   a. How long is it?
   b. How is it divided?
   c. What genre is the text (e.g., a poem, short story, news article, report, or an essay)?

4. Predicting: Write three things you think might be mentioned in the text...what language will be used?
   a.

   b.

   c.

5. Read the first paragraph of the text. Write three questions you have about the topic.
   a.

   b.

   c.

6. Discuss your knowledge of the topic with a classmate or tutor.