



Previewing Texts

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.