




Prior Knowledge

Activity: Anticipation Guide

Purpose: To activate prior knowledge, set purpose for reading and help students make connections.

1. Select a text for students to read.
2. Create 5 - 8 general statements for students to reply to with “agree” or “disagree”. These statements can be either confirmed or may be disconfirmed by reading the text.
3. Have students indicate agreement or disagreement by placing a check in the appropriate column.
4. Students read text to confirm or disconfirm their choices.
5. After reading, have students revisit their predictions and modify if necessary.

Agree	Disagree	
X		Four thousand years ago the ancient Egyptians were the most civilized people on earth.
	X	Scientists examine mummies with x-rays and blood tests.
	X	Some mummies were sold as fertilizer to farmers.
	X	Some mummies still have their hair, fingernails and eyelashes.
	X	The ancient Egyptians used mummies as fuel for their trains.
X		The ancient Egyptians mummified animals too.
X		Priceless jewels, gold statues and other treasures were often buried with a mummy.



*Source: McLaughlin, M. & Allen, M.B. (2000). Guided Comprehension: a teaching model for grades 3-8. Newark, Delaware: International Reading Association.