

TEXTUAL PREVIEW

PRE-READING STRATEGY

Previewing any selection of text prior to beginning to officially “read” the text is an extremely effective way to increase comprehension. A preview of two minutes or less moves the brain from “park” into “drive” – placing the reader in a much better position to both process the text and to retain more of the information.

When previewing nonfiction text, notice and think about . . .

Titles

Abstract

Subheadings

Bold or italicized words or word banks

Glossary

Appendices

References

Author Credentials

Charts, Maps, Graphs, and Photographs

Questions for Discussion