

Before Reading: Thinking Strategies

Activating Prior Knowledge (What I Already Know)

Good readers...

1. Look at the cover.
2. Look for a summary and read it.
3. Look for a review of the book or a recommendation for the book.
4. Find out if any peers have read the book. Do they recommend it?
5. Browse the table of contents, chapter titles, and/or index in order to know what to expect as they read.
6. Browse through the book, and ask questions about what the book will be like and if it will meet their needs.
7. Determine the book's genre and decide if they are interested in reading that genre at this time.
8. Open the book to the middle and read a page to determine if the book is too easy, too difficult, or just right.
9. Make predictions.
10. Think about why they are reading this book.