

Anticipation Guides: A Before Reading Strategy (that is Common Core friendly)

Anticipation Guides work well because of their ability to engage students' curiosity. Additionally, they help set a purpose for reading as students read to see if their initial thoughts about the text were correct.

Create The Guide

- I. Identify the major ideas presented in the text
- II. Consider what beliefs students may bring to the topic/text
- III. Write generalized statements that challenge your students and make them think
- IV. Require students to respond to the statements with a true/false or yes/no

Use The Strategy

- I. Have students complete the guide before reading. They may work in pairs, singly, or in small groups
- II. Ask students to share their responses. Encourage class room discussion and debate
- III. Pass out the text and have students read with guide in hand. As they read, ask them to react and mark on text where they were correct or incorrect.
- IV. Follow up the reading with another class discussion. Ask students to share their reactions and if their thinking changed or if their initial responses were challenged. Make sure students refer to examples they marked in their text.

