**Becoming an Active Reader**

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PREVIEWING

**Previewing** a text means looking for clues about its subject matter and style before you begin to read it. This form will help you preview stories, articles, and even textbook chapters



Setting a Purpose

When you **set a purpose** for reading, you take a few moments to think about why you are reading a particular text. You might read for more than one purpose at a time.



CONNECTING

When you **connect** with something, you form a link between it and your own knowledge or experiences



USING PRIOR KNOWLEDGE

Using **prior knowledge** means thinking about what you already know and then applying it to new material. This chart will help you organize that information.



PREDICTING

Trying to guess what will happen next in a literary work can help you focus your attention and understand what you read. This chart can help you develop predictions



Visualizing

When you **visualize,** you create mental pictures of characters, settings, and events. Use this graphic organizer to help you.



Monitoring

Check your comprehension as you read by following these steps: (1) Stop and think. (2) Clarify. (3) Consider how well you understood what you read.



Making Inferences

Making **inferences,** or logical guesses, combines what you already know with information from the text.

