WV TREE Resource:

English Language Arts

Resource Name: Previewing Texts Activity

Grade Level(s): 7th

Resource Summary/Overview: In this activity, students will learn about the usefulness of previewing nonfiction texts to aid in comprehension. The teacher will model the THIEVES method of text previewing (Title, Headers, Introduction, Every First Sentence, Visuals/Vocabulary, End of Chapter Questions, Summary) and then have students practice the skill with a partner using a provided non-fiction text (teachers also have the option of using a nonfiction text from their own book/classroom resources).

Length: 3 40-minute sessions

Domain(s) Addressed: (Reading, Writing, Speaking/Listening, and/or Language)

Reading

West Virginia College- and Career-Readiness Standards:

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| ELA.7.4 | Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the informational text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text. |
| ELA.7.5 | Determine two or more central ideas in an informational text and analyze their development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text. |

Delivery Method(s): whole group, partners

Resource Materials: nonfiction texts, THIEVES handouts, projector/document camera

Resource Purpose(s): Introducing concept, building understanding

Instructor Notes: http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/lesson-plans/using-thieves-preview-nonfiction-112.html