

Now That I Know: Previewing as Pre-reading

When reading non-fiction, it is extremely important to preview the text. If you preview a text before reading, you are more likely to make connections to and remember what you read. Use the text features in *When Elephants Fight* to discover facts, make predictions, and generate questions before reading.

P: Predict: Look at the cover. Make some **predictions** about the book based on what you see here.

R: Review the Table of Contents: Review the 5 chapters listed in the Contents. List the chapter titles below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

From your **review** of the chapter titles, make three predictions about what we will learn from this book and how this story might be told.

E: Examine the Visuals: There are a lot of photographs, diagrams, illustrations, and art work. Write three fast facts you gained from **examining** the visuals.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



V: Vocabulary: Vocabulary can be challenging in some nonfiction books. Skim the captions that go with the visuals. Complete the following sentence starters:

1. I think the vocabulary in this book will be _____.
2. The words seem to be related to _____.
3. I think I'll find the language in this book challenging because _____
_____.
4. Strategies I'll use to make the vocabulary easier to read and remember are _____
_____.

I: Index: The **Index** can give us a quick sense of the topics we will read about in a nonfiction book. What can you predict about the content or organization of this book based on the **index**?

E: Establish a Plan: Now that you have previewed this book, what plan do you have for noting and remembering the information?

W: What is Your Response? Draw an image or write a response after previewing the book. You will revisit your illustration and/or response after you read this book to add your new thoughts after reading.

