

Directed Reading-Thinking Activity

Before Reading

1. Look at the title? What does it say?

2. Are there any subheadings? Is so, what are they?

3. Are there any graphics? Is so, what are they?

4. Are there any words in bold or italics? Is so, what are they?

5. Now that you have looked at the title, subheadings, graphics, and words in bold/italics, what do you predict the article is about?

6. What do you already know about the topic?

7. Look at the subheadings again. Turn them into questions? Write there here.

During Reading

8. Chuck the reading into sections or paragraphs? Read the first chunk. In one or two sentences, what is this chunk about?

9. Now that you have read some of the article, go back and look at your prediction from #5. Does it match what you just read? Why or why not?

10. From what you just read, did it answer any of the questions you wrote down for #7? Is so what question did it answer and how?

11. Continue reading each chunk. Summarize what you just read and refer back to your predictions from #5 and your questions from #7.

After Reading

12. Look back again at #6. What new things did you learn that you didn't already know about the topic?

Topic-Subtopic-Details Chart

Main Idea	Subtopics	Supporting Details
Americans are too picky over their food and a lot goes to waste.	Americans are fussy over their food. Tons of food go to waste.	People throw out food even though it may still be edible. Fussiness over food can be a good thing because it helps out family farms. Fussiness can be a bad thing because it waste food. Americans threw out 35 million tons of food in 2012. More than 20 percent more food than in 2000. Americans have unrealistic standards of food.