

Predictogram

Title of Selection: _____

Characters

Setting

Problem

Gist Statement _____

Outcomes

Unknown Words

To Discover.....

1.

2.

3.

Vocabulary words from story to sort for predictogram: _____

Directions for Predictogram:

- Select key vocabulary terms from story – be sure to include general academic terms as well as a few new vocabulary words
- Direct students to sort the words into the literary elements boxes where they think they belong
- Then ask students to write a gist statement predicting what the story will be about using the vocabulary terms provided.
- Do a class share of the gist statements
- Emphasize there is not correct/incorrect answer at this point – ONLY WHAT THEY THINK
- READ THE PASSAGE
- Have a class discussion about what the actual information was and how it differed from their GIST statements
- Students now write an actual summary – using the 5-6 key terms again

Adapting the Activity for Other Content Areas:

1. Select key terms from the article to be read – be sure to include general vocabulary terms as well as some content specific words.
2. Give students the title of the article to be read.
3. Direct students to write a gist statement (a predicting summary statement) based on the vocabulary words provided and the title of the article.
4. Do a class share.
5. This becomes the purpose for their reading – to see if their prediction was correct.
6. Students read.
7. After reading, students write another gist or summary statement using the vocabulary words again.