Read Around the Text

A pre-reading strategy to improve comprehension.

Delivery: “Reading Around the Text”
       RAT Practice & Review

Performance: Your Turn: Let’s “RAT” around the text.

Transfer: Exit Ticket
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is a 6-step strategy
students use to preview text before they read.

One of the strategies readers can use to improve comprehension is and activate prior knowledge.
• What students **already know** is a great tool for helping them learn **something new**.

  ▪ Think about what students have learned already and how it might help them learn the key concepts of an upcoming lesson.
Think, Pair, Share

- What type of questions could you ask students to activate prior knowledge about this book?
1. Look at the pictures. What ideas are being presented?

2. Look at the captions and read them.

3. Look at the maps, charts, and graphs. Discuss what information they present.

4. Look at the titles and headings. What is the big idea?

5. Read the first and last lines of each paragraph for more information.

6. Ask questions. Give yourself a reason to read.
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1. Look closely at all the pictures and write what you see.
2. Read all of the captions.
3. Look at any maps, charts, and graphs.
4. Highlight all the titles and headings.
5. Highlight the first and last line of each paragraph.
6. Now ask yourself, “what is the topic” and how do you know?
7. Answer the questions.
Let’s Practice

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2. Look at the captions and read them.

3. Look at the maps, charts, and graphs. Discuss what information they present.

4. Highlight the titles and headings. What is the big idea?

5. Highlight the first and last lines of each paragraph for more information.

6. What is the topic? How do you know?
1. Look at the pictures. Write what you see.
2. LOOK AT THE CAPTIONS AND DISCUSS WHAT YOU SEE.

What is a Caption?

Words underneath a picture or photograph that explains what it is about.

Example of a caption:

This photograph shows a picture of a sea star.
3. Look at the maps, charts, and graphs. Discuss what information they present.

- **Surface Area of Continents**
  - Australia: 6%
  - Europe: 8%
  - Antarctica: 11%
  - Africa: 11%
  - South America: 13%
  - North America: 16%

- **Pie Chart**
  - Africa
  - Asia
  - Middle East
  - South America
  - Europe
  - Latin America
  - North America
  - Australia
5. Highlight the first and last lines of each paragraph for more information.
6. What is the topic? How do you know?
Read

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1. With your shoulder partner read the passage.

2. Follow the 6 steps to complete the RAT Record Sheet.

3. Highlight in the passage as well.
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