

Anticipation Guide

What is an Anticipation Guide and why is it important?

An Anticipation Guide (Vacca & Vacca, 1989) encourages students to reflect on their beliefs about a topic. It contains thought-provoking statements that challenge students to draw on what they know about a topic, thereby activating their prior knowledge and building motivation to read more about the topic.

How can I use an Anticipation Guide with my students?

Prepare a series of short, clear statements about a topic that will pique students' interest. Include both accurate and inaccurate statements to foster discussion. In a discussion before reading, give students the opportunity to agree or disagree with the statements and explain their responses. After reading, have students determine if the beliefs they held before reading have changed; if so, have them update their Anticipation Guide, which can then be used for review and study.



