



Anticipation Guide

How It Works:

Preparation:

- The teacher creates a list of statements related to the key concepts of the new topic.
- These statements can be true, false, or opinion-based, encouraging students to consider their current beliefs or knowledge.

Before the Lesson:

- Students read or listen to each statement and decide if they agree or disagree based on their initial thoughts.
- They may write down their reasoning or discuss their choices with a partner.

During or After the Lesson:

- As students learn more about the topic, they revisit the guide.
- They evaluate whether their original responses still align with what they've learned and revise their answers if needed.

Reflection:

- Students reflect on how and why their understanding changed (or didn't) after the lesson.
- This process helps deepen comprehension and clarify misconceptions.

Benefits:

- Activates prior knowledge: Prepares students for new content by connecting it to what they already know.
- Builds curiosity: The statements spark interest and questions about the topic.
- Promotes critical thinking: Students analyze and adjust their understanding.
- Checks comprehension: Revisiting statements helps assess how well students grasp the material.

Anticipation Guides work well across all grade levels and subject areas, from literature to science and history! Thinking Nation uses the Anticipation guide strategy throughout the units.