



Prior Knowledge

Activity: Wondering Cube

Purpose: To activate prior knowledge, set purpose for reading and help students make connections with text.

1. Teacher supplies student teams with a Wondering Cube! The Wondering Cube has questions or statements specific to a selected text. In the example below, the teacher created the questions and statements for an issue of Weekly Reader that the students were reading in their social studies class.
2. Students toss the Wondering Cube into the air and when the cube lands, the question or statement facing up is read and discussed.
3. When thoughtful conversations are completed, students read the text.



