

Teacher Tips for Predicting

Definition of Predicting: To predict is to say what you think will happen in the future, usually based on facts and evidence. To say (dict) something before (pre) it happens.

- Remind students to use the following sentence frame when making a prediction:
I predict _____, and my evidence is _____.
- Students should read the text (or watch the clip) with their prediction in mind, and then either confirm or contradict the prediction.
- Remind students that the quality of a prediction is not decided by whether or not it actually happens. It can still be a strong evidence-based prediction and be inaccurate.
- Making an inference vs. making a prediction: An inference is happening right now, and a prediction is something that will happen in the future.
 - I see a girl with a frown, and I can make an inference that she is unhappy my evidence is her frown.
 - I see a girl with a frown, and I predict she is going to start crying my evidence is her frown.
- The text type will dictate what you predict.
 - Narrative text? Predict what happens next.
 - Expository text? Predict what the text will be about in the next section.
 - Current event? Predict how this will impact society in the future.
 - Historical event? Predict how this will impact society in the immediate future from when the text was written.