**Reading Strategy:**
Skim, Scan And Predict (continued)

| Description | After skimming or scanning a text, make a few guesses about it:  
|             | • What is this text about?  
|             | • What clues suggest the topic?  
|             | • What likely happens in this text? |
| Purpose | Predicting lets you:  
|         | • Think about a topic before reading in greater detail.  
|         | • Identify what you already know about a topic  
|         | • Keeps your mind focused as you read |
| Process | 1. Skim the text, and note any headings; graphics; bolded text, etc.  
|         | 2. Stop. Write a few guesses. You may use a few prompts to get you started:  
|         | "I think this text is about...."  
|         | "Something that likely happens in this text is...."  
|         | 3. Begin the text.  
|         | • Check at your guesses. Are they correct?  
|         | • Change your predictions as you read. |
| Here's how you already do this: | When you are watching a mystery on TV, you:  
| | • Watch the first few minutes and say "I'll bet this guy (or gal) did it!"  
| | • You continue to watch, and gather more clues  
| | • Maybe you change your mind & yell out "No – wait – I think it’s (so and so)!"  
| | Reading text is no different – make a prediction; read a bit; go back & change your prediction; read a bit more... |
| Helpful Hints | • Read the text 1 section at a time.  
| | • Check your predictions: are they right?  
| | • Change your predictions. |