

## INTRODUCTIONS

Is there an opening paragraph? Read it (clue- it might be *italicized*).

What does the introduction tell you you're going to learn about? Use your own words.

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What do you already know about this topic?

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## EVERY FIRST SENTENCE IN A PARAGRAPH

Read every first sentence in each paragraph. Ask yourself what do I think this chapter or section is going to be about?

## VISUALS AND VOCABULARY

Ask yourself

- Does the chapter/section include visual aids (pictures, drawings, maps, charts or graphs)?
- What do the visuals help me to understand?
- Is there a list of key vocabulary and definitions that will help me understand the text? Do I know the meaning of any of these words already?
- Can I tell what the words mean based on the clues the author gives me (without looking them up)?