

Name: _____

BOOK WALK: Pre-Reading Stations

Book Title: _____ Author: _____

STATION 1 – Show the Cover

Directions: Examine the book cover carefully. Discuss the questions below with your partner.

1. What do you notice?

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

2. What do you think this book is about?

- ☐ _____

3. What genre might this be? (fiction, mystery, adventure, etc.)

- ☐ _____

4. Who might the main character be?

- ☐ _____

5. What mood does the cover give? (happy, scary, mysterious, etc.)

- ☐ _____

STATION 2 – Look at the Title

Directions: Think about the title and how it connects to the cover.

1. Why do you think the author chose this title?

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

2. What could this title mean?

- ☐ _____

3. Does it connect to the cover? How?

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

STATION 3 – Read the Back Summary

Directions: Read the back cover summary. Answer the questions below.

1. Who is the main character?

- ☐ _____

2. What is the problem?

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

3. Where does the story take place?

- ☐ _____

4. What do you think will happen?

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

STATION 4 – Read the First Paragraph Only

Directions: Read only the first paragraph or first page. Answer the questions below.

1. What do we learn right away?

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

2. What questions do you have?

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

3. What do you predict now?

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

EXIT TICKET

Reflect on what you've learned from the book walk. Complete the sentences below:

1. I think this story will mostly be about...

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

2. The main character might be the kind of person who...

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

3. A problem in the story might be...

- ☐ _____

4. I am interested / not interested in this book because... *(Circle one)*

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

How to Do a Book Walk (Step-by-Step Lesson)

This works really well for 6th grade.

Station 1 – Show the Cover (5 mins)

- What do you notice?
- What do you think this book is about?
- What genre might this be?
- Who might the main character be?
- What mood does the cover give?

Have them turn and talk.

Station 2 – Look at the Title (5 mins)

- Why do you think the author chose this title?
 - What could this title mean?
 - Does it connect to the cover?
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Station 3 – Read the Back Summary (5 mins)

- Who is the main character?
 - What is the problem?
 - Where does the story take place?
 - What do you think will happen?
-

Station 4 – Read the First Paragraph Only (5 mins)

Just the first paragraph or first page.

- What do we learn right away?
- What questions do you have?
- What do you predict now?

Exit Ticket

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