

## Before Reading – Planning



### KNOWLEDGE RATING GUIDE

**What?** The knowledge rating guide is a chart that can quickly display students' background knowledge and introduce new concepts. (This strategy is especially useful for vocabulary study.)

**Why?** The knowledge rating guide provides a pre-assessment for teacher planning as well as a checklist for students to monitor their learning.

**How?** Create a list of key concepts that will be addressed.

Design a knowledge rating system that best fits the content.

Create a chart for students mark responses before reading and learning activities.

Return to the guide during the course of the lesson to check for understanding.

Examples:

Science – Rate Your Space Knowledge

	Know it well	Heard of it	Clueless
Aurora			
Galaxy			
Quasar			
Big Bang Theory			

Geometry – Angle & Angle Relationships

	Could teach it	Could define/draw it	Know nothing about it
Vertical			
Adjacent			
Complementary			
Supplementary			
Acute			
Obtuse			

Language Arts – Words to Know in *Warriors Don't Cry*

	Don't know at all	Seen or heard—don't know meaning	Think I know	I know
integration				
civil rights				
discrimination				
bigotry				
vigilance				