

The Fast Track:

The Importance of Previewing Text

When reading nonfiction, it is extremely important to preview the text. The more information you have before you start reading, the more likely you are to remember the most important parts of what you read. There are lots of ways to preview a text. See what you can determine from reading this book on a fast track.

A. Look at the cover. Make a prediction about the book based on what you see here.

Based on this cover, do you think you will like the book? Why or why not?

B. There are 4 chapters in this book. List the chapter titles below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Based on these chapter titles, make three statements that related to your predictions for what we will learn about Phineas Gage in this book.

C. Take a picture walk by quickly glancing at the visuals in the book. There are a lot of photographs, diagrams, illustrations and artwork. Write three fast facts you gained from your picture walk.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____