Now That I Know: Previewing as Pre-reading

When reading non-fiction, it is extremely important to preview the text. If you preview a text before reading, you are more likely to make connections to and remember what you read. Use the text features in *When Elephants Fight* to discover facts, make predictions, and generate questions before reading.

**P: Predict:** Look at the cover. Make some *predictions* about the book based on what you see here.

**R: Review the Table of Contents:** Review the 5 chapters listed in the Contents. List the chapter titles below.

1. ______________________________
2. ______________________________
3. ______________________________
4. ______________________________
5. ______________________________

From your review of the chapter titles, make three predictions about what we will learn from this book and how this story might be told.

**E: Examine the Visuals:** There are a lot of photographs, diagrams, illustrations, and art work. Write three fast facts you gained from *examining* the visuals.

1. __________________________________________________________
2. __________________________________________________________
3. __________________________________________________________
V: Vocabulary: Vocabulary can be challenging in some nonfiction books. Skim the captions that go with the visuals. Complete the following sentence starters:

1. I think the vocabulary in this book will be ____________________________.
2. The words seem to be related to ____________________________.
3. I think I’ll find the language in this book challenging because ____________________________.
4. Strategies I’ll use to make the vocabulary easier to read and remember are ____________________________.

I: Index: The Index can give us a quick sense of the topics we will read about in a nonfiction book. What can you predict about the content or organization of this book based on the index?

E: Establish a Plan: Now that you have previewed this book, what plan do you have for noting and remembering the information?

W: What is Your Response? Draw an image or write a response after previewing the book. You will revisit your illustration and/or response after you read this book to add your new thoughts after reading.