P.A.S. is a literacy support tool that prepares students for reading a text. Begin by previewing the text. Flip through the pages, noting text structures, text features, critical vocabulary, graphs, etc. Next, access and build background knowledge, connecting anything you already know to what is in the text. Finally, set a purpose for reading, specifying what you want to get out of reading the text. Record thinking.

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| Preview the Text   * Examine text features   + Headings and sub-headings   + Bulleted lists   + Pictures, captions, charts, graphs, and illustrations * Analyze the genre and text structure * Preview critical vocabulary |  |
| Access Prior Knowledge   * Identify the topic * Think about what you already know about the topic * Write or discuss what you know about the topic * Think about how you can relate new knowledge to old |  |
| Set the Purpose   * Understand the assignment * Understand the demands of text * Read for different purposes * Understand reader’s purpose/author’s purpose |  |