History Strategies | The PAVE Procedure

(Prediction, Association, Verification, Evaluation)

This vocabulary strategy encourages students to predict an unknown word's meaning by using context clues, and to verify it through the use of a dictionary. It also asks students to create a personal visual clue to help them remember the definition.

- 1. Introduce the PAVE procedure to the students.
- 2. Have the students write the sentence that contains the vocabulary word on the worksheet.
- 3. Isolate the vocabulary word by having the students write it inside the box on the worksheet.
- 4. Predict the meaning of the vocabulary word based on the context clues provided.
- 5. Write one good sentence using the word that demonstrates an understanding of its meaning.
- 6. Verify the meaning of the word by looking it up in the dictionary and writing its definition down on the worksheet.
- 7. Have the students write another good sentence using the vocabulary word based on the verified definition.
- 8. Finally, have the students draw a personal association or symbol for the word to help them remember its definition in the box on the worksheet.

Reference

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