

**BECOMING AN ACTIVE READER****Reading Strategies****Meanings (see page 12)****1. PREVIEW**

Look at the title, the pictures, and the first paragraph. What do they tell you about what you're about to read?

**2. SET A PURPOSE**

Know *why* you are reading—for information, for enjoyment, or to understand a process?

**3. CONNECT**

Think about whether the characters or situations remind you of people or experiences in your own life.

**4. USE PRIOR KNOWLEDGE**

Jot down what you already know about a topic. Use these notes to help you make sense of what you read.

**5. PREDICT**

Guess what will happen next. Look for details in the selection that serve as clues.

**6. VISUALIZE**

Picture the scene in your mind, using the writer's description of setting, characters, and events.

**7. MONITOR**

Check your understanding as you read. **Question** what is happening and why. **Clarify** what is unclear to you by rereading or asking for help.

**8. MAKE INFERENCES**

Make logical guesses about characters and events by considering details in the text and your own experiences.