

Reading 91/92
PREVIEWING A TEXT

Looking at the organization of any text before you begin using that text is like using a road map—it gives you some sense of where you are headed, even though you don't really know the territory before you experience it for yourself. This guide is to be used to help you get acquainted with *Improving Reading Skills* and also to see where the course is headed to prepare for the journey.

1. The Basics: Who is the author of the text?

What are the author's qualifications?

When was the text published? Why would this be important to know? Hint: Look at the extended title of this text.

2. The Route: Use the Table of Contents to determine how the text is arranged? List the main section (part) headings.

3. The Territory: Look at the section of the text assigned to your group. Read through the brief descriptions of each essay found in the Table of Contents for your section. List the 2 essays which look most appealing to your group.

Then look at **one** of these essays.
How does the author introduce this essay?

What follow-up activities are included for the essay?

4. The Keys: What other resources does this author include in this text?