

## **Anticipatory Set**

An anticipatory set is something that you do or say to entice or “hook” the students about what it is you will be teaching them. It prepares and motivates students for learning. By having an activity related to what will be learned, it shifts their attention to the learning process.

Examples of an anticipatory set could be: (The “hook” can be used any time a different activity or new concept is to be introduced.)

- Showing a picture or icon
- Anticipation Guide
- Bring real objects related to the lesson
- Personal story/experience
- Cartoon
- Discussion about a movie, book, TV show, or famous person that relates to the topic
- Question (ex. “Can you imagine seeing a volcano erupt? Write down 5 things you might see.” or “Has anyone ever been to New York? How is it different from Pleasantville?”)
- Quick experiment or demonstration
- Video (that generates thinking, builds excitement and/or background knowledge)
- Article, short story, quote, or poem
- Guessing Game (ex. Who Am I? or What Am I?)

**An anticipatory set is *NOT* “Open your book to pg. \_\_\_”**

**OR**

**“Today we are going to paint” .... And you start painting**