**Purpose:** To focus students on a text by making and evaluating predictions about the text

**Materials:** reading selection, copies of the DRTA chart, pencils

**Procedure:**
- Pass out Directed Reading and Thinking Activity (DRTA) charts to students.
- Take a text walk or picture walk through the text by flipping through the reading selection and noticing aspects of the book.
- In the first box, students record predictions about what the text will be about.
- Read a section of the text.
- In the second box, students record predictions about what the rest of the text will be about.
- Read another section of the text.
- In the third box, students record new predictions about what the rest of the text will be about.
- Read the rest of the text.
- In the last box, students record a reflection about their predictions.
- Students discuss their reflections with a partner or a small group.
