HALF THE STORY

BIG IDEA
After viewing magnified sections of a Discovery Education image, students are tasked with making predictions about what the image is and what they will be studying. Half the Story is an engaging way to introduce a topic or unit of study. Students are challenged with making predictions and considering other perspectives as the strategy unfolds.


SKILLS
- Citing Evidence
- Identifying Key Ideas & Details
- Identifying Point of View & Purpose
- Inferring & Predicting

PHASES OF LEARNING

MATERIALS
- Discovery Education image
- Computer with projection capabilities

STEPS
1. Select a Discovery Education image related to your current unit of study.
2. Zoom into one portion of the image and display it for students.
3. Ask students to make predictions about what the image could be, based on the portion they are viewing. Allow time for students to share their thinking with the class.
4. Continue to display various sections of the zoomed in image, having students refine their predictions as they receive more information.
5. Finally, display the image in its entirety. Ask students to evaluate their predictions and discuss how their predictions may have changed as more information was revealed.

EXTENSIONS & MODIFICATIONS
Select additional Discovery Education images. Print and cut them into smaller portions. Have students work in small groups to make predictions for a portion of the image they received. Have the groups find the matching pieces and share their predictions with the larger groups, specifically looking for accuracy and similarities.