

Universal Epic Universe

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Introduce the Article and Key Vocabulary

Talk with students about what they will learn from the article.
Introduce vocabulary to them using the descriptive teaching method.

Example: We will be talking about the opening of the new Universal Epic Universe theme park in Orlando Florida. Epic Universe includes new rides, entertainment, restaurants, and more. This park has unique areas with a theme. One area is about “How to Train Your Dragon” which is a movie series of Hiccup and his training of dragons. There is a roller coaster named Hiccup’s Wing Gliders. Another area is about Nintendo, a video game company. There are rides and attractions that look like Yoshi, a character from Nintendo games. There is a Harry Potter area and the park looks like a setting from the movies. The last area is a scary village that has mystery and monsters. One ride takes you through the castle to find scary characters that are big animatronics.

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Read the Article While you TAAP

As you read the article with students, remember to TAAP: **T**alk about it, **A**sk a question, **A**cknowledge via response, and **P**ropel the conversation or **P**redict!
(View the TAAP resource on the AAC Language Lab to learn more about the TAAP strategy!)

Sample TAAP words/phrases:

Talk About It	Ask Questions	Acknowledge via Response	Propel the Conversation or Predict
theme park fun area movie/book setting	What will you see at Universal Epic Universe? What places can you go to in the park? How would you get to the park? What is your favorite ride? Who is your favorite character?	Got it Sounds good I'd like to go there too! I like Yoshi Great job!	I think... I wonder... Tell me more What else? Let's see What happens



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Talk About What you Learned

Summarize the article with students and talk about what they learned. Ask open-ended questions to discuss what everyone thought, and to get them thinking about and reflecting about what they read.

Sample questions for discussion:

What did you learn about Universal Epic Universe? Which area of the park would you go to first? What do you like (or don't like) about this theme park? What ride do you wish they had? What would it be like to ride a dragon? What magical or scary creatures would you like to see? What other things to see are in Orlando, FL? Where else would you like to go?

Discussion for Comprehension

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After reading and summarizing the article with students, use descriptive testing to further discuss the students' understanding of the article. Pose questions in a way that allows the student to answer the question using any word on their device.

Sample Descriptive Testing Questions and responses:

Tell me about theme parks	What will you see at Universal Epic Universe?	Tell me about Orlando, Florida
<ul style="list-style-type: none">big place with ridesmany peoplegood food and funplace with characterssetting for fun	<ul style="list-style-type: none">meet movie and book charactersfour areas to gosee fun things to doride some ridesfeel like I fly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">many things to seewarm and sunny placemany theme parksalligators live thereoranges grow there