

**“The Leopard Man”**  
**Making Predictions and Asking Questions**



Answer the questions below in ***complete sentences***:

1. From the title, what do you think this essay is going to be about?
2. What do you think is the purpose of this essay?
3. Who do you think is the intended audience for this piece? How do you know?
4. Based on the title and other features of the text, what information or ideas do you think will be in this essay?

*Discuss your answers in a group or as a class.*

*Next, read the first paragraph of the essay and the first sentence of each paragraph.*

*Then respond to the following ***in complete sentences***:*

5. What is the main topic of the text?
6. Summarize the main ideas from what you have read so far.
7. What is the author’s opinion on the topic?
8. What do you think the writer wants the reader to do or believe? How did you come to this conclusion?
9. Turn the title into a question (or questions) to answer as you read the essay. Write this **task** on the top of a sheet of paper. As you read, write down the paragraph numbers that contain answers to this **task**.