

Exercise: Guide a Discussion About Whole-Group Lessons

Use the information provided about whole-group reading and writing instruction to guide a collaborative discussion about the current whole-group experiences in your classroom. Discuss any refinements you might make to whole-group reading or writing lessons to make a greater impact on student achievement.

Use the following questions to guide this exercise.

- How can we assure that the texts we are using in the whole-group experiences are appropriately challenging for our students?

- How will we ensure that the texts utilized during whole-group lessons are accessible and visible to all students?

- How will we incorporate the gradual release of responsibility during whole-group reading and writing lessons?

- What texts will we use as mentors or models during writing instruction?