Fully integrate the reading and writing processes with
Paired Texts Packets

The rituals and routines for effective classroom teaching and learning are set in weeks 1-3. Teachers of reading-writing target one of three core writing genres for the first nine weeks. In Week 7 all grades launch the systematic reading-writing routine presented in Paired Texts Packets. A shared decision among teachers and leaders determines the packet that serves as 1) benchmark for instruction in the target genre of the first 9-weeks or 2) baseline for instruction in the target genre of the second.

This amounts to 25% of instructional time for three weeks in a class that means five hours / week and 3% of instructional time for the nine weeks.

Key – Paired Texts Packet (PTP)

Week	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Notes

Teachers set the pace of three 30-minute sessions / week for three weeks. They follow the sequence of lessons in their teacher's manual to consider the options available. Students often compose and collect their thoughts in essays on platforms like google classroom.

Week	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Notes
7	15 min						
7	30 min	PTP – Text 1 Session 1		PTP – Text 1 Session 2		PTP –Text 1 Session 3	**Launch the first of three Paired Texts Packets (PTP).**
8	15 min						
8	30 min	PTP – Text 2 Session 1		PTP – Text 2 Session 2		PTP – Text 2 Session 3	
9	15 min						
9	30 min	PTP –Texts 1-2 Session 1		PTP – Texts 1-2 Session 2		PTP – Texts 1-2 Session 3	

Paired Texts Packets guide learners through the steps of the reading and writing process naturally. They

- Ensures comprehension of more content-rich texts than learners meet on state tests
- Supports responses to reading texts within the steps of the writing process
- Moves learners to higher levels of reading comprehension
- Motivates learners with authentic, engaging teacher models
- Nurtures fascination with the role of words that authors choose

In 30 minutes session three times a week for three weeks each nine weeks, learners show mastery of the key elements of argument / opinion, informative, or narrative genres.

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The paired texts are challenging and engaging, just what I was looking for. My learners met the challenge, embraced the PAL system, and helped each other think through the reading tasks. It's great how the format for the reading and writing tasks are consistent from packet to packet. My learners are the best prepared for end-of-grade tests that I have ever seen in the last 6 years.
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