# **ENLACE Newcomer Academy**

ENLACE is a program within Lawrence High School to serve 9th grade ELLs who have been in the U.S. for **less than two years** and are just beginning their English language development.





#### Currently Enrolled: 204 students

**SLIFE:** approximately 50% of the student body has gaps in education or entered significantly below grade level in their native language

## Session Agenda:

Part 1: Engaging SLIFE students in small group reading

Part 2: Reading protocol for big heterogeneous groups of newcomer students (mixed literacy levels)

Part 3: Questions

- Background in elementary education
- > 7 years as a first grade two-way bilingual teacher
- > 3rd year at ENLACE as SLIFE ESL teacher (second year students in program)

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# **Structured for Success**

In this Newcomer program, students who arrived late to year 1, or who have been identified as SLIFE, stay in the program for year 2 before moving on to the mainstream campus.

Year 2 students:

- Provided a small class size of 8-12 students
- Assess reading level at the start of the year to form reading groups of 4-6 students
- Meet with each group 4 days a week

# **PART 1:** Engaging SLIFE Adolescent Newcomers in Small Group Reading

#### **Interesting Texts**

Saddleback books, which are hi-lo readers that offer engaging topics, such as teen romance, child soldiers, or fantasy.

#### **Routine and Extensive Comprehension Strategies**

Familiar ESL strategies are put into a routine that can be used with many texts and at different reading levels.

#### **Community Learning**

Reading group is a time to learn together. Students must build on each other's ideas.

### A Strong and Positive Community is Essential



| PRE-<br>READING   | <ul> <li>Letter/Sound Correspondence, Blending &amp; Segmenting</li> <li>Sort Cards</li> <li>Sight Words</li> <li>Vocabulary (TPR)</li> </ul>  |
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| DURING<br>READING | <ul> <li>What do you remember about the text?</li> <li>Choral reading (one page at a time)</li> <li>What are the difficult words?</li> <li>Turn and Talk to summarize &amp; share out</li> <li>Comprehension question/ Skill practice</li> </ul> |
| POST<br>READING   | • Students write a paragraph   |

# Letter/Sound Correspondence, Blending and Segmenting



## **Pre-Reading Routines:**

# Generated from the book

#### **Sort cards**



#### **Picture Walk**



# **Generated from the students**

#### **Sight Words and Vocabulary**



James find out-averiguar find=encontrar hand ganar War= querra him= él their = su Redcoats= Soldados leses perder horse want=quiere top=arriba lie=mentira=fib TOV fool = engañar Slave=esclavo trick Then=entonces ask=preguntar

Total Physical Response (TPR)

# What about this text would be difficult for your students to understand?



## **Literacy Instruction**

# What are the teacher moves?

# What are the student moves?



### **Post-Reading Strategies**

#### Turn and Talk





#### **Finding Evidence**

### Paragraph Writing



### **Comprehension Strategies**

"Right There" Questions vs. Text Dependent Questions





# Research

Jiménez, R. T., García, G. E., & Pearson, P. D. (1996). The reading strategies of bilingual Latina/o students who are successful English readers: Opportunities and obstacles. Reading Research Quarterly, 31(1), 90-112.

# Successful Latina/o readers:

- knew about the strategy searching for cognates
- described translating as a strategic activity
- were aware of the transference of knowledge across languages

#### **PART 2:** "Read - Retell - Respond" Protocol (adapted from Bridges to Academic Success Curriculum)

# Sample Weekly Reading Calendar:

| Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| <b>Step 1:</b><br>Introduce<br>essential<br>question | <b>Step 2:</b><br>Preview<br>reading with<br>stations | <b>Step 3/4/5:</b><br>Read text<br>with Retell and<br>comprehension<br>questions | <b>Step 3/4/5:</b><br>Read text<br>with Retell and<br>comprehension<br>questions | <b>Step 6:</b><br>Write a<br>paragraph<br>answering the<br>big essential<br>question |

# 1. Set a Purpose for Reading with an Essential Question

- In heterogeneous groups of 3-4,
- students preview
- the essential
- question through a graffiti wall activity.





# 2. STATION WORK: Preview the text

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**Station 1:** Building background for the story with visuals (teacher led)

- Gallery walk of pictures from the book
- or Related video with listening guide



#### Station 2: Vocabulary practice on ww.quizlet.com (individual)



#### Stations Map:

#### WHITEBOARD

Station 1: Building background with visuals

Options: gallery walk of pictures from the book, mini-documentary with listening guide, LEA (picture description protocol), etc.







Station 2:

Individual Vocabulary practice



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**Optional 3rd station:** 

Reading/Writing (if you have 2 teachers in the room)

*Options: KWL, nonfiction background reading, etc.* 

# 3. Read the text in English with differentiated texts

#### • Students annotate individually:

- Mark cognates with a "c"
- Highlight class vocabulary words (from the word wall)
- Circle unknown words and look them up in the dictionary



• Students read silently (or partner read)





Some people say he is a hero. Other people say he is a criminal

He enters a bus station. Courtney has no license, but he takes a bus. He goes to his neighborhood and rescues his neighbors. He takes them to **safety**.

**Higher text** 

Lower text

# 4. Retell (summarize) what you read

- Students retell what happened in this part of the text to a partner.
  - **First** in their native language
  - **Next** in English

- A few volunteers share with the whole group.
  - "This page is about..." or "In this part of the story..."

# 5. Respond to the text

• Students respond in writing to 1 - 2 comprehension questions about the page.



## 6. Write a paragraph (ties the text to the essential question)

#### **Prompt**: What value helps Courtney overcome his challenges in <u>Surviving Katrina</u>?

#### QUIZ #2: Write a Claim Evidence Reasoning Paragraph

In your opinion, what value (cuál valor) does Courtney show?

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|           | In my opinion, Courtney shows Com Passion  |
|-----------|--|
| Evidence  | According to the text, " <u>free wants to help</u><br><u>more people</u> . So he continues to<br><u>yes cue people</u> in the bus. He<br><u>yes cues almost uso people</u> "<br>[page 3]."   |
| Reasoning | This demonstrates that <b>Courtney shows</b> <u>Compassion</u><br>because <u>He</u> wit <u>help</u> <u>because</u><br>and <u>neighbors</u> <u>ne was</u> <u>many</u><br><u>people</u> for <u>courtney</u> the <u>people</u><br>has the <u>life</u> . |
|           | cue bus neighbors strangers help<br>ety neighborhood many people<br>stadium hero alone strong survive  |

#### $\leftarrow \mathsf{SLIFE} \ \mathsf{student}$

# Higher-literacy student $\rightarrow$

#### QUIZ #2: Write a Claim Evidence Reasoning Paragraph

| Vhat <b>va</b> | lue helps Cou | rtney overc | come his ol | ostacles |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| ord Bank:      | perseverance  | strength    | hope        | 20,      |
| esilience      | compassion    | courage     | kindness    | 5/20     |
|                |               |             |             |          |

| Claim   | In my opinion, the value hetps<br>courtney overcome his obstacles is<br>courage.   |
|---|--|
| Evidence<br>Since<br>After<br>When<br>Before<br>During<br>While | When the neighbors offered help to<br>Courtney, the auther writes: " he usually<br>refused. He wanted to take care of<br>himself" (Pg. 1)                  |
| Reasoning   | This Shows courtney shows courage<br>because he wanted to use his strength<br>to solve his problems. He wanted to<br>overcome his challenges above despite |
| This illustrates  | he was on his own courtney was   |
| This shows  | Very courageous because he didn't  |
| This  | want help and believed that he   |
| demonstrates  | can reache care of himself without his neighbors,  |

# **Technology Tools for Individual Work Stations:**

#### Individual practice:

- Quizlet
- Lyrics Training
- IXL Language Arts

#### Individualized assessment:

- Seesaw
- IXL Language Arts
- Google Forms



#### **SLIFE/ESL** accommodations:

• Google Read & Write plug-in



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