

Islands, Anchors, & Propellers: Charting Your Path to Science of Reading Success

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SUMMIT

Objectives:

- Envision the ideal implementation of the Science of Reading (SoR).
- Identify obstacles "anchors" and driving forces "propellers" in achieving literacy success.
- Reflect on actionable strategies to propel effective SoR practices forward.

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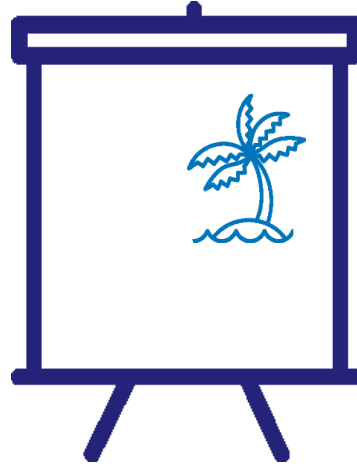
- What is your ideal SoR literacy island?
- What is your dream implementation of the science of reading?

Science of Reading Island



Let's Think and Ink!

Using the **top** of your chart paper on your table and the **BLUE** marker, represent your ideal Science of Reading Island. You can write down words, phrases, and draw things that address the following guiding questions:



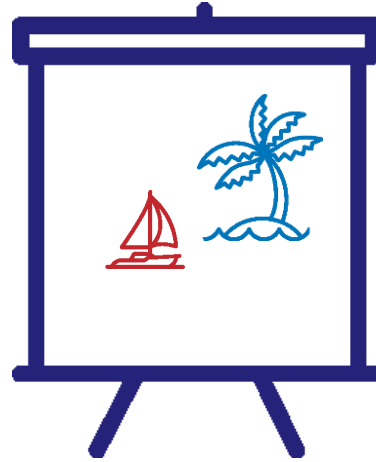
What does curriculum, assessment, and professional learning look like in your ideal program?



What are the markers for success?

Let's Think and Ink!

Using the same chart paper on your table and the **RED** marker, represent the boat you're rowing toward your island. You can write down words, phrases, or even draw things that address the following guiding questions:



What are the anchors?



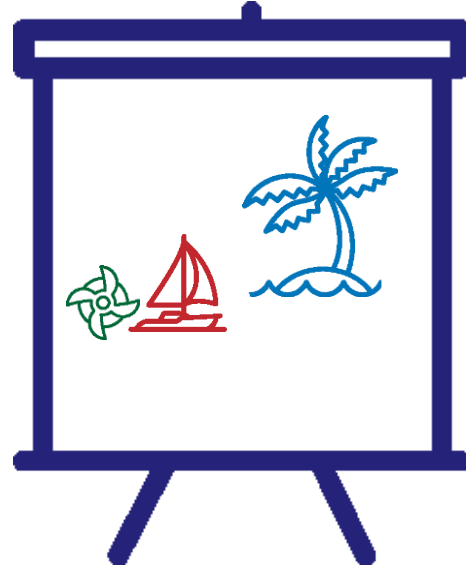
What is holding you back from reaching the island?



What is making you "stuck" in the process?

Let's Think and Ink!

Finally, using the same chart paper on your table and the **GREEN** marker, we will represent what is propelling your boat toward the island. You can write down words, phrases, or even draw things that address the following guiding questions:



What is propelling your trajectory toward your island?



What factors will help you achieve your goal?

Let's Move

Gallery Walk of Science of Reading Portraits

Keep in mind the following reflective questions:

- What emerges as themes across all of our portraits?
- How do our boats differ? How are our boats the same?
- What tools can we use to keep us propelling toward our island? Toward successful implementation?

Let's Share

Portraits of Science of Reading Island: Reflection and Action Steps

Independently Reflect and Take Notes:

- What is one fact that you learned?
- What is one aha that you had?
- What is one action step you will take?



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Reading is the ship that takes you to distant shores, and learning is the island where dreams are built.

– Unknown

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