



# Connecting Literacy and Science with *NGSS* and Common Core

## Breakout A: Reading Science

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# Introducing today's presenter...

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# Engaging Reading as an Inquiry Practice of Science

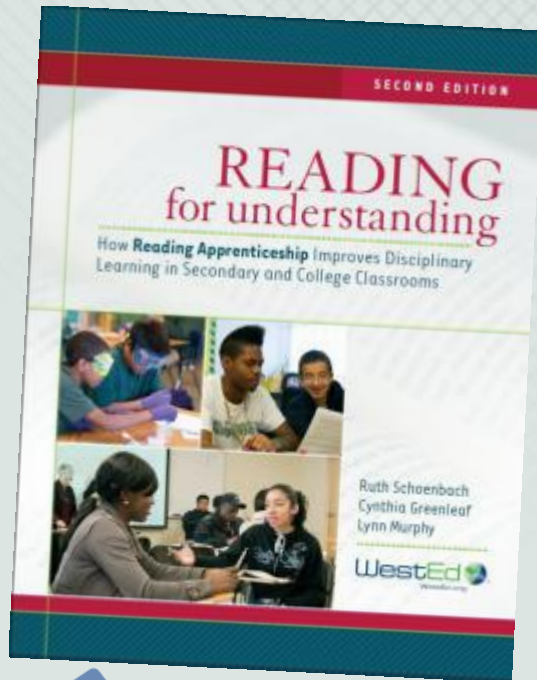
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# Strategic Literacy Initiative (SLI) Program of Research and Development



- Reading Apprenticeship Instructional Framework
- Inquiry-based designs for teacher professional development
- R&D in discipline-specific literacy instruction



# Current Work and Studies

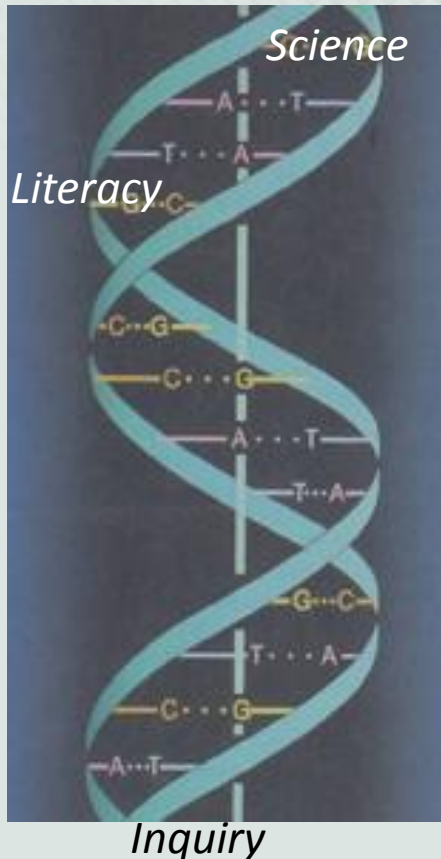
- RAISE (i3 Validation Grant – high school ELA, history, science)
- iRAISE (i3 Development Grant – on-line high school science professional development)
- READI (Reading for Understanding Grant – middle and high school ELA, history, science)
- Reading Apprenticeship in Community College STEM
- Reading Apprenticeship Writing Connections (SEED)
- Site-based Professional Development



# Agenda: To Share Compelling Reasons to Read in Science Classes, and Science-Supportive Ways to Do So

- New standards offer an *unprecedented* opportunity to integrate literacy and science inquiry practices
- You know how; your students don't (but need to)
- Science texts are cool and varied, just like science
- Science texts serve important roles for scientists (and for science learners)
- Inquiry and meaning making practices are similar for both reading and science learning
- Teaching approaches to support science and reading overlap
- We can make reading science texts more like doing science
- Good models of “science inquiry with texts” point the way
- Resources abound

# Synergies in the Inquiry Practices of Science and Literacy



Science as Investigation to explain the natural and designed worlds

second-hand inquiry (data sets, science reports, science diagrams and models)

Literacy as Investigation to construct meaning with science texts

multiple representation systems, science conventions, conceptual and linguistic complexity



Poll: Do you have a vision of what teaching reading as an inquiry practice of science would look like?

- A. No, not at all
- B. Only a little
- C. Moderately
- D. Yes, a great deal

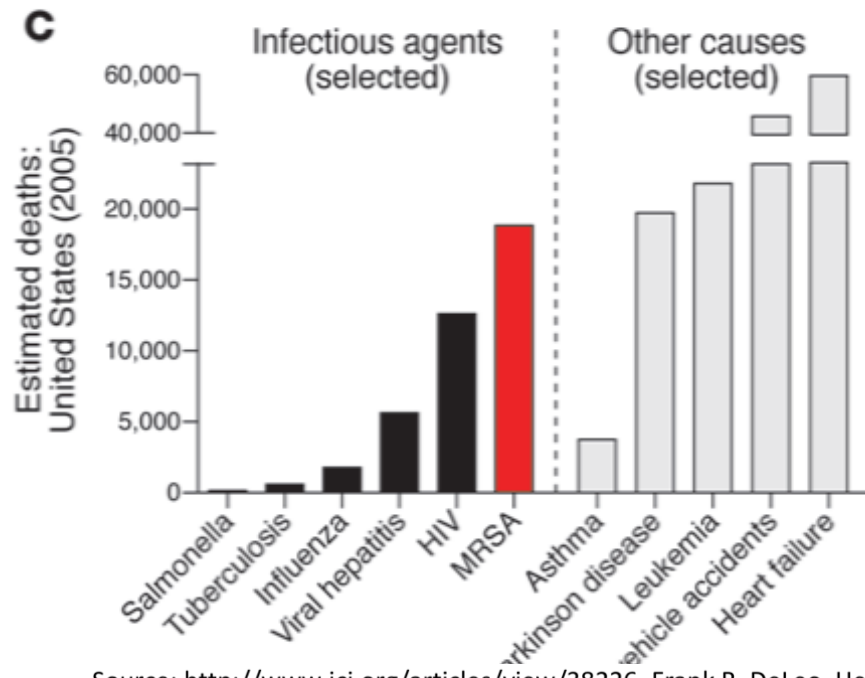
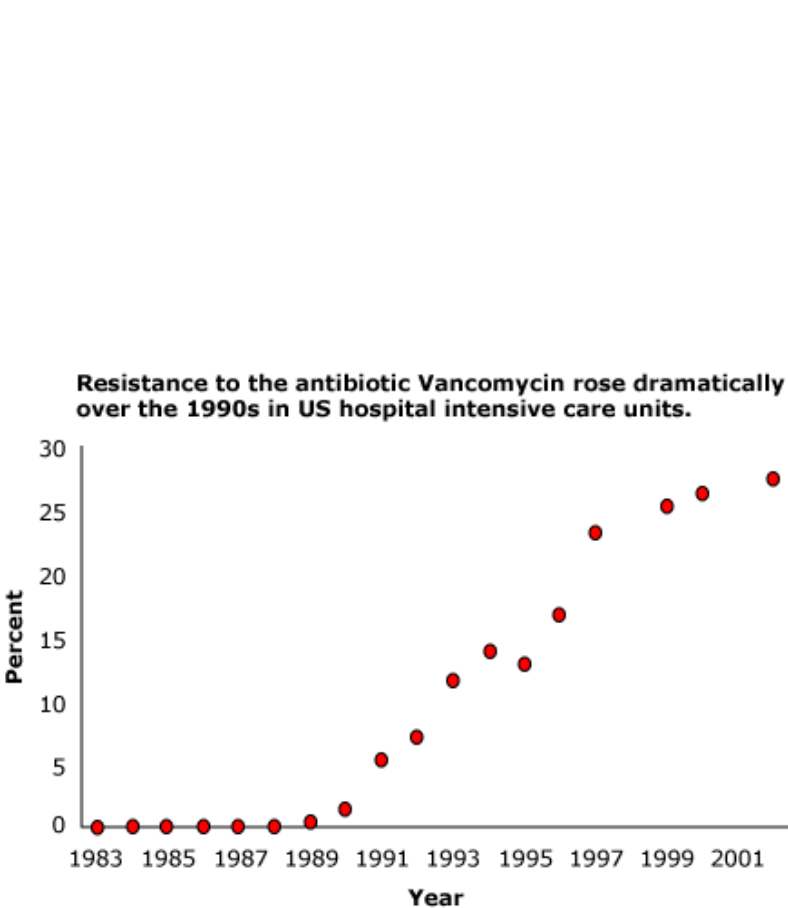


# Text-Based Investigation Example: Methicillin-Resistant Staph *Aureus*



- Over the next few weeks, we are going to be studying about a serious public health issue, an infection called MRSA. This infection has been studied by scientists for many years. The bad news is the infection can be deadly. The good news is it is almost entirely preventable IF you understand the science.
- Your job, over the course of this unit, is to make sense of the science, determine the best steps to prevent the spread of the infection, and share what you have learned with your community. Your knowledge may be your community's best defense. Let's get to work!

# Multiple Representations of Science



Source: <http://www.jci.org/articles/view/38226>, Frank R. DeLeo, Henry F. Chambers, *J. Clin. Invest.* 2009; **119**(9):2464



# Text Example

## Antibiotic/Antimicrobial Resistance

Antibiotics and similar drugs, together called antimicrobial agents, have been used for the last 70 years to treat patients who have infectious diseases. Since the 1940s, these drugs have greatly reduced illness and death from infectious diseases. Antibiotic use has been beneficial and, when prescribed and taken correctly, their value in patient care is enormous. However, these drugs have been used so widely and for so long that the infectious organisms the antibiotics are designed to kill have adapted to them, making the drugs less effective. People infected with antimicrobial-resistant organisms are more likely to have longer, more expensive hospital stays, and may be more likely to die as a result of the infection.

Source: <http://www.cdc.gov/drugresistance/index.html>

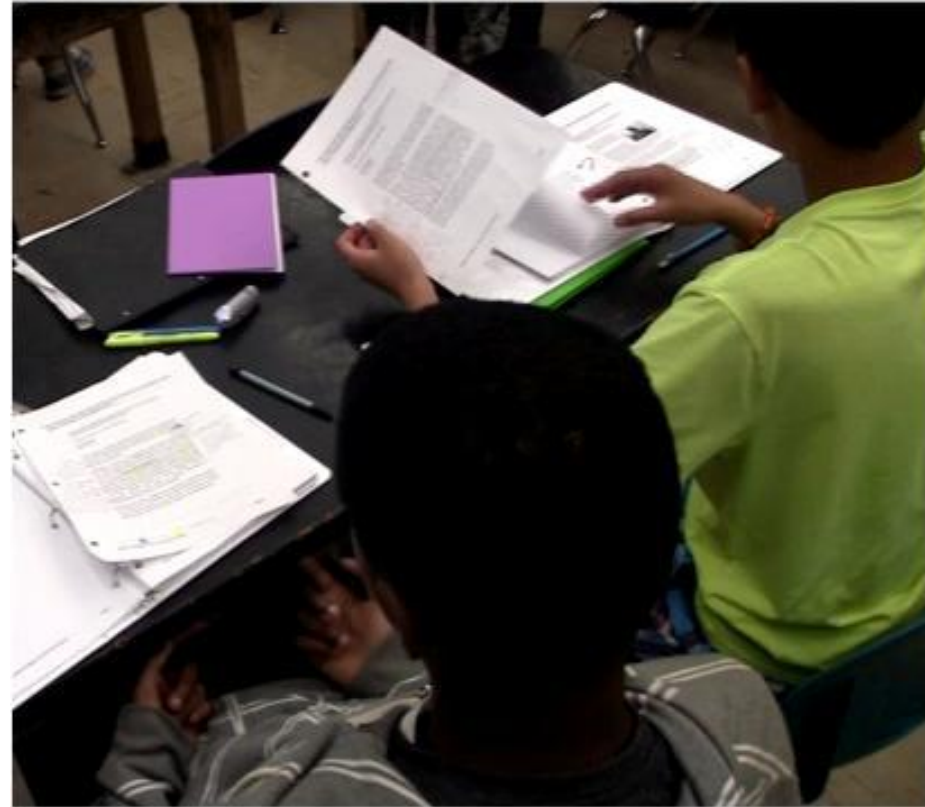
# Multiple Opportunities for Explanatory Models and Argumentation

- MRSA Transmission and Infection
- MRSA Spread
- MRSA Evolution
- Managing the Public Health Challenge of MRSA

# Snapshots of MRSA Investigation from Middle and High School Classrooms



Students engage in close reading of science news on MRSA infections to generate inquiry questions and build knowledge





# Students Raise Inquiry Questions to Guide Ongoing Investigation

## PIERCING QUESTIONS & IDEAS

- How do antibiotics affect MRSA?
- If he had sterilized the needle  
Would he still have gotten MRSA?
- Why would he pierce his lip if sick?
- 1st: How rare is MRSA?  
then: How common is MRSA?
- How do you get MRSA?
- Should people avoid taking antibiotics to prevent MRSA?
- Is MRSA a more complex version of Staph infection?
- Does MRSA affect joints to the point that they deteriorate?
- Why does he need surgery in knees & hips if the piercing is in lip?
- How did it spread to the legs & hips?

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## Connie's Story Ideas & Q's

- pus oozed out of back
- ~~He~~ Developed MRSA after surgery
- How does someone's body make a puddle of pus?
- What did she have in her vertebrae?
- Is MRSA hard to detect?
- How did she contract it?
- Was it MRSA that caused her vertebrae to deteriorate?
- ~~was~~ What was pumping out of her back?

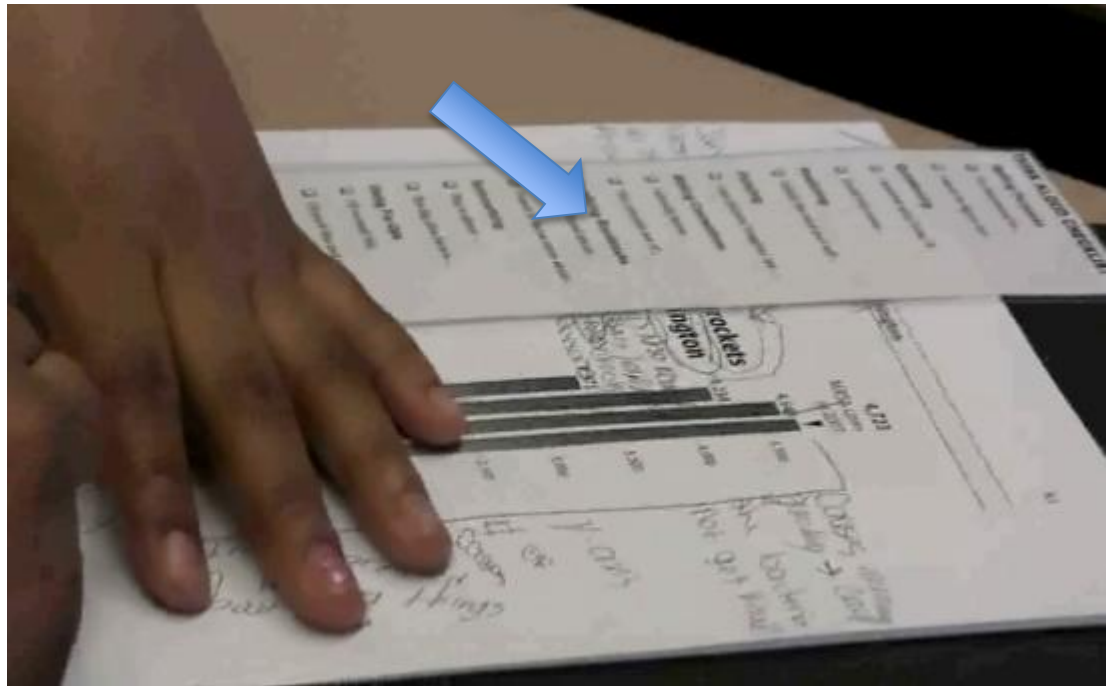
# Modeling and Practice of Science Reading Strategies



- Reading and Annotation Routine

Teacher models active reading strategy

Students annotate on their own with science reading bookmarks (sentence stems)



# Documenting and Discussing Text Challenges



- Metacognitive Conversation Routines

Pair share, class share

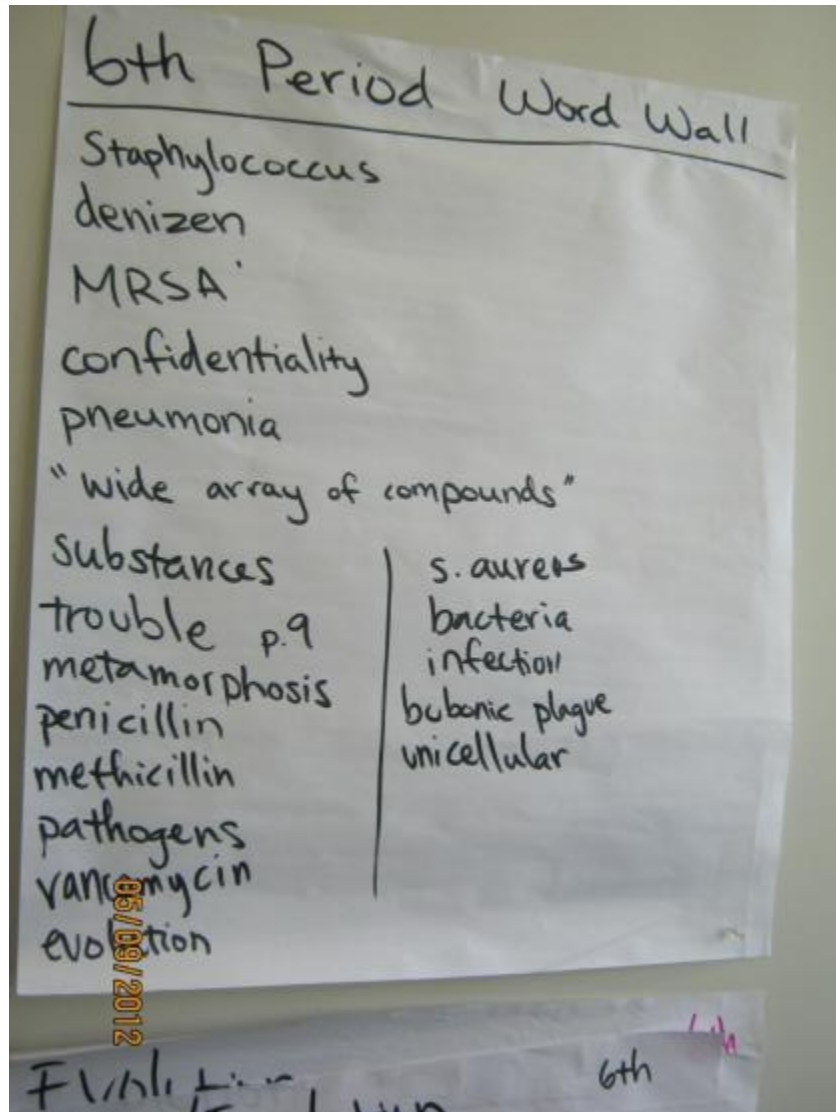
Discussion of text challenges

Sharing confusions

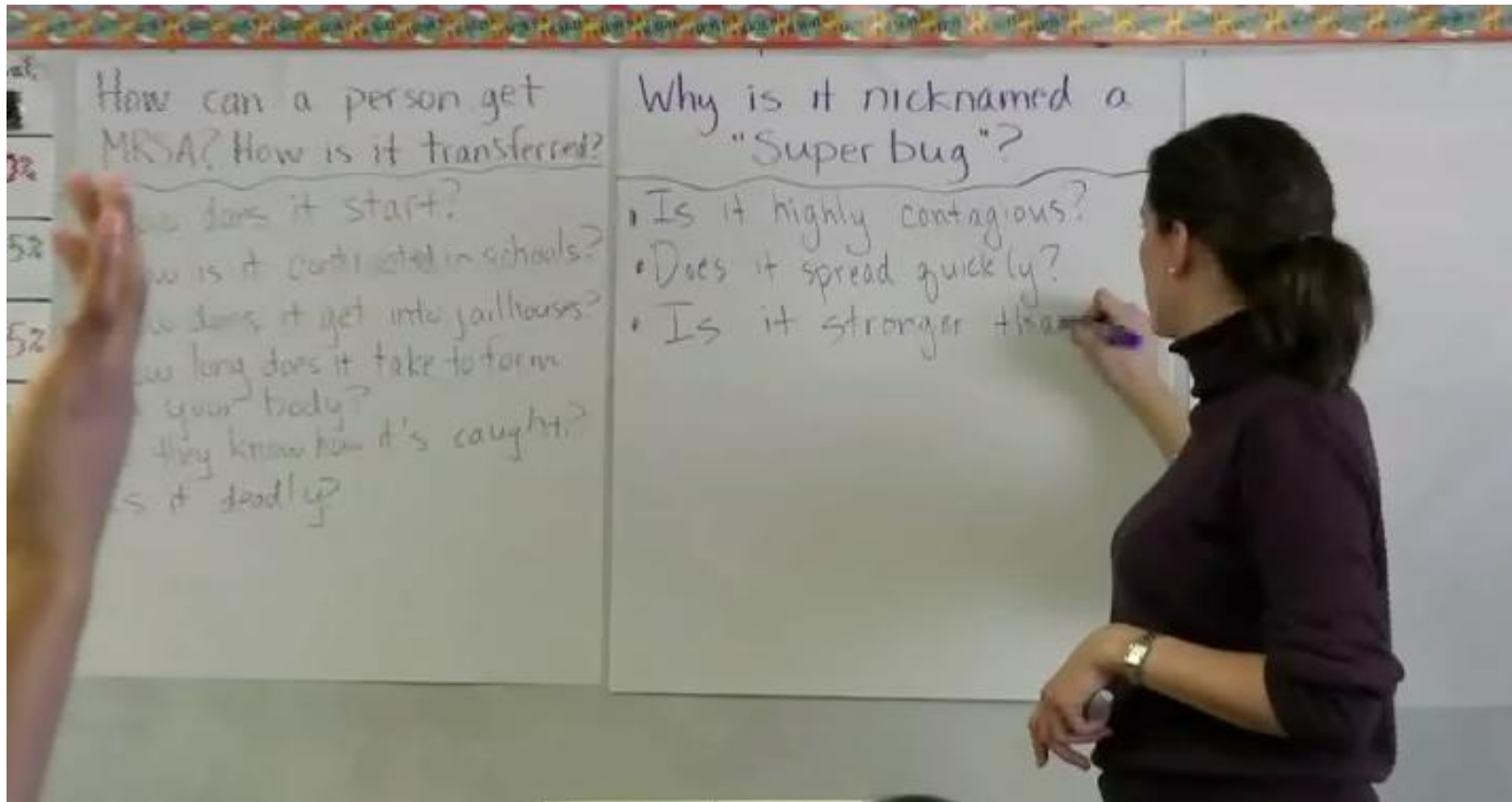
Identifying challenging vocabulary

Clarifying

Sharing approaches for meaning making



# Building Knowledge of MRSA Transfer, Spread, and Resistance



Collaborative meaning making

"Is it hard to kill? Is it strong?"

Making connection to prior texts



# Class Discussion



What did that reading help us understand about ...?

What new information/data/evidence do we have that ...?

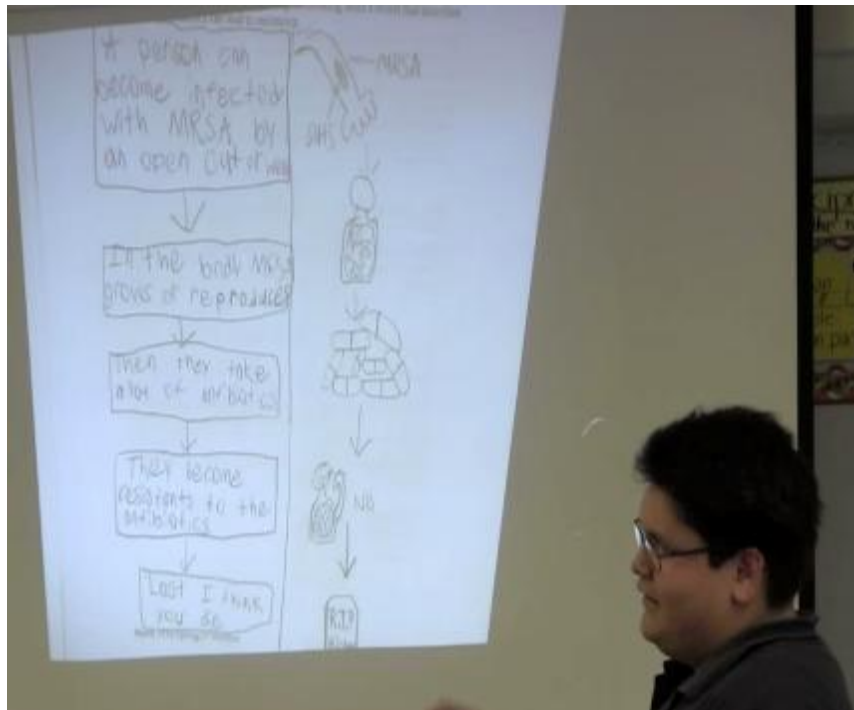
How does that help us explain ...?

Which of our inquiry questions got answered?

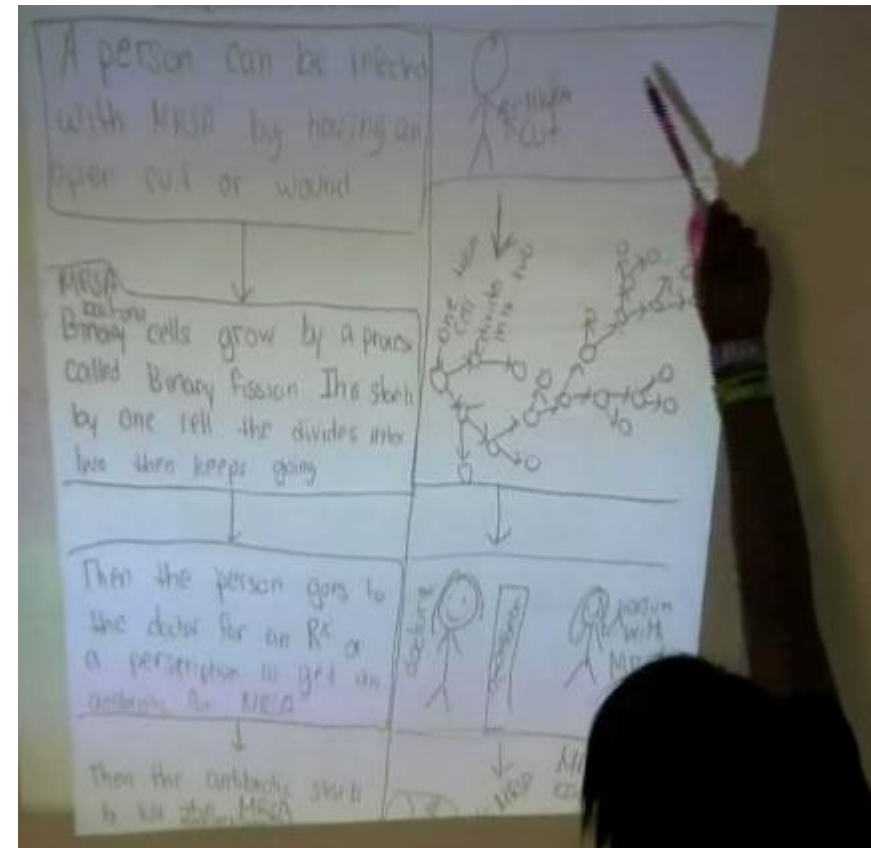
What new questions do we need to investigate? ©PROJECT **READi**



# Constructing and Critiquing Explanatory Models

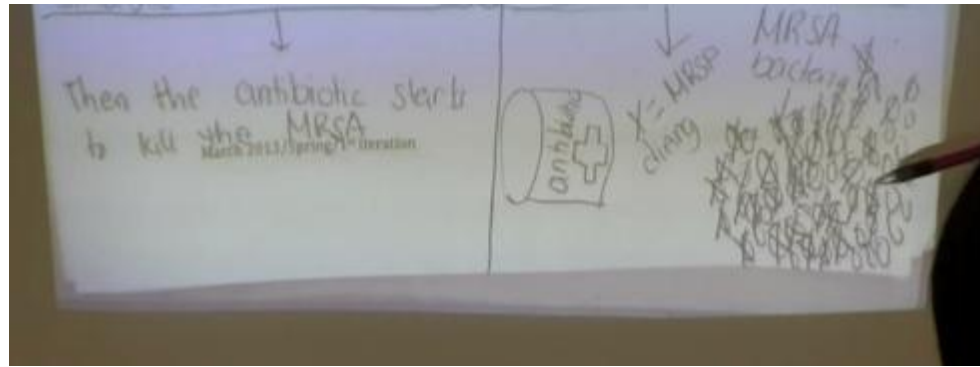


Student 1



Student 2

# Discussing Models and Raising Questions for Further Investigation



Bottom portion of Student 2's model

Students explain their models

Other students asked to weigh in

Further questions arise

This spurs continued investigation and sets purpose for next reading



# Which of the NGSS Practices Do You See in This Text-Based Investigation?



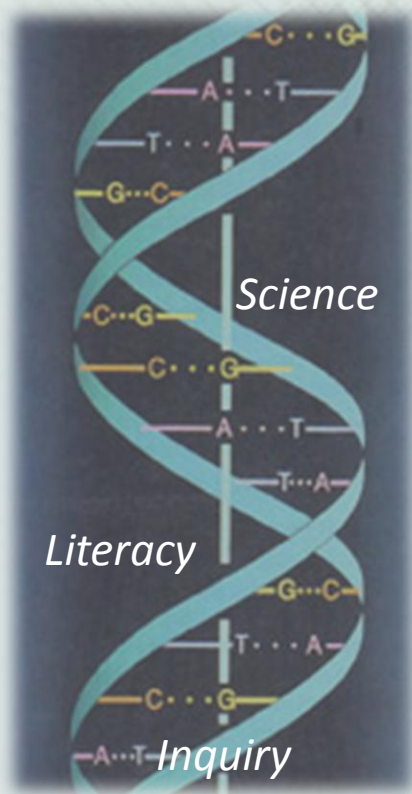
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|  | Asking questions and defining problems               |
|  | Developing and using models                          |
|  | Planning and carrying out investigations             |
|  | Analyzing and interpreting data                      |
|  | Using mathematics and computational thinking         |
|  | Constructing explanations and designing solutions    |
|  | Engaging in argument from evidence                   |
|  | Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information |

# Next Generation Science Standards



## Practice 1. Asking questions and defining problems

*Students at any grade level should be able to ask questions of each other about the texts they read, the features of the phenomena they observe, and the conclusions they draw from their models or scientific investigations.*



# Which of the CCSS for Literacy In Science and Technical Subjects?



| ✓ | Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts   |
|---|---|
| ✓ | Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information   |
| ✓ | Follow precisely a complex multistep procedure; analyze the specific results based on explanations in the text  |
| ✓ | Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used   |
| ✓ | Analyze how the text structures information or ideas; analyze the structure of the relationships among concepts in texts, including relationships among key terms |
| ✓ | Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media in order to address a question or solve a problem                   |
| ✓ | Evaluate the hypotheses, data, analysis, and conclusions in a science text, verifying the data and corroborating or challenging conclusions with other sources    |
| ✓ | Synthesize information from a range of sources into a coherent understanding of a   |





# Why Read in the Science Classroom?

New standards offer an unprecedented opportunity to make common cause between literacy and science inquiry

- Integrating literacy and science benefits students' literacy and their science learning simultaneously (e.g. Cervetti, et al., 2012; Fang & Wei, 2010; Greenleaf et al., 2011; Palincsar & Magnussen, 2001; Romance & Vitale, 2001, etc.)
- There is synergy, economy and necessity to doing many things at once



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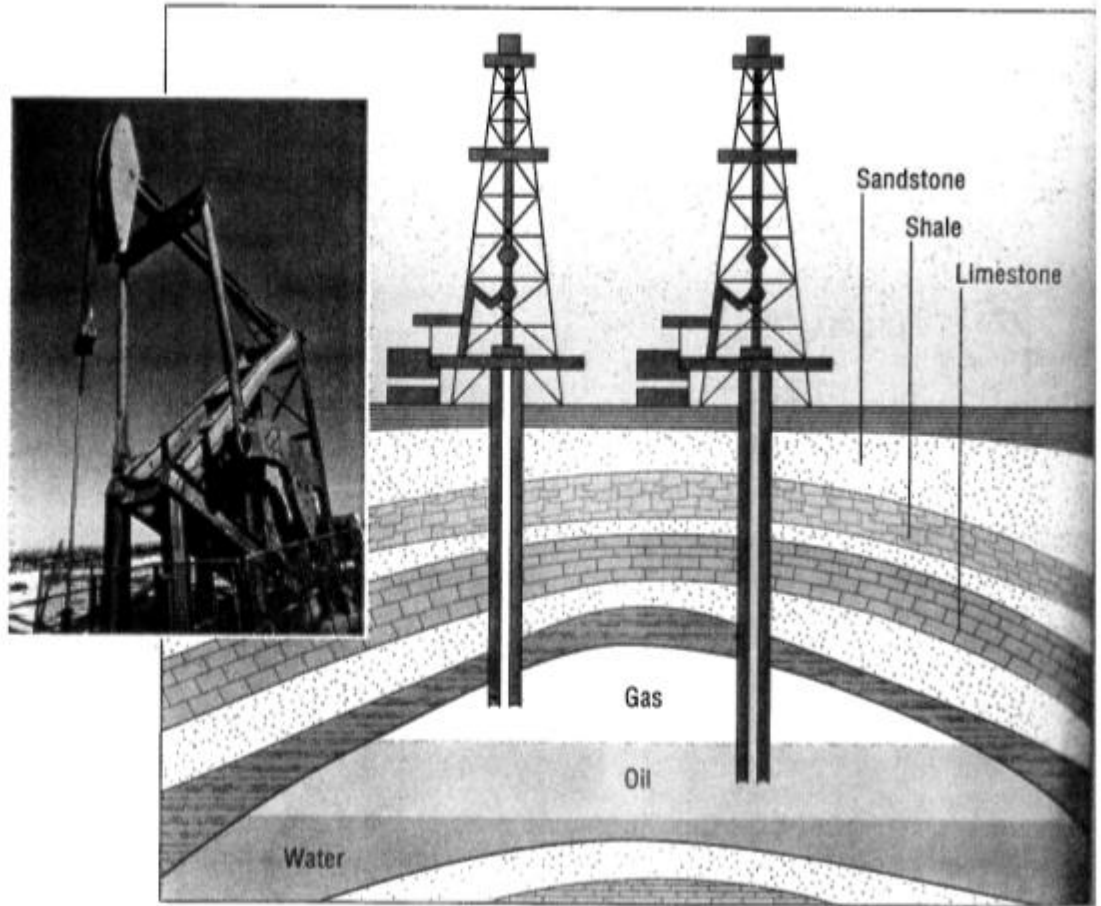
You know how; your students don't (but need to)

- As a more expert science reader and learner, you can model and mentor your students in science reading
- Students need to think critically about sources of information they are exposed to, in school and out!
- Students need to become independent learners
  - builds science pipeline, academic achievement, identity

# You know how; your students may not!

**Figure 25.16**

*Natural gas and oil are typically found in dome-shaped geological formations. Petroleum prospectors drill oil wells to tap into the gas and oil. Sometimes the gas is under pressure and will force the oil up the well pipe, but pumping is usually required.*



“Let’s say if I got there, if I was there, in real life, whatever, I would know what it is, what the machine is, how it works, how the oil and gas, where they’re at.”

# You know how; your students may not!

Millions of years ago, marine life settled on the ocean floors and became buried in ocean sediments. Heat, pressure, and the action of bacteria changed this residue into petroleum and gas, which are two important fossil fuels.

Unfamiliar with the world referenced by the text

*Marine* defined as “people from the army”

Unfamiliar with how to work with unknown words, referents

*ocean sediments, this residue*

Unfamiliar with grammatical structures in academic text

“So they are saying that millions, long time ago in the marine life, there were ocean floor that had been buried from the ocean.”

# But you can teach them how..



*Does that make sense here?*

S: I know it's another definition...I'm thinking, like fish, fishes and stuff...

*How did you figure that out?*

S: I started thinking about Marine World [chuckling]...so it had to be the fish, the fishes and stuff. Then I guess they got buried up under the dirt...[reading] I guess they, as they got buried, it says heat and pressure, I guess the heat and pressure changed, changed their body...





# What do you do when you see students struggle with science texts?



|  |   |
|--|---|
|  | I use powerpoints, videos, and lectures to get the information across |
|  | I look for really easy texts to use                                   |
|  | I use concept attainment tasks (manipulatives) rather than texts      |
|  | I ask the literacy resource teacher for help                          |
|  | I read science texts to my students and explain what they mean        |
|  | I have the strong readers in the class read aloud to the others       |
|  | I avoid science texts for this reason                                 |
|  | I have students work together to figure them out                      |
|  | Other   |



## Why Read in the Science Classroom?

Science texts are cool and varied, just like science

- Diagrams, graphs, models, and other visual displays are conventional forms of science texts, along with print
- Students are inexperienced readers of science; they need to learn *how* to read these varied texts
- Science texts offer challenges (*AKA opportunities*) for both literacy and science learning

# Science Texts Represent Ideas through Multiple Means

EN... SO?

Author: [Emily Becker](#)

Thursday, July 10, 2014

<http://www.climate.gov/news-features/blogs/enso/en-so>

During average (non-El Niño) times, the waters of the western tropical Pacific are much warmer than in the east/central area (Figure 1). As warmer water extends out to the east during an El Niño, it warms the air, causing it to rise (lower pressure) (Figure 2). In turn, there is less rising motion (higher pressure) near Indonesia, due to the relatively cooler waters and overlying air.

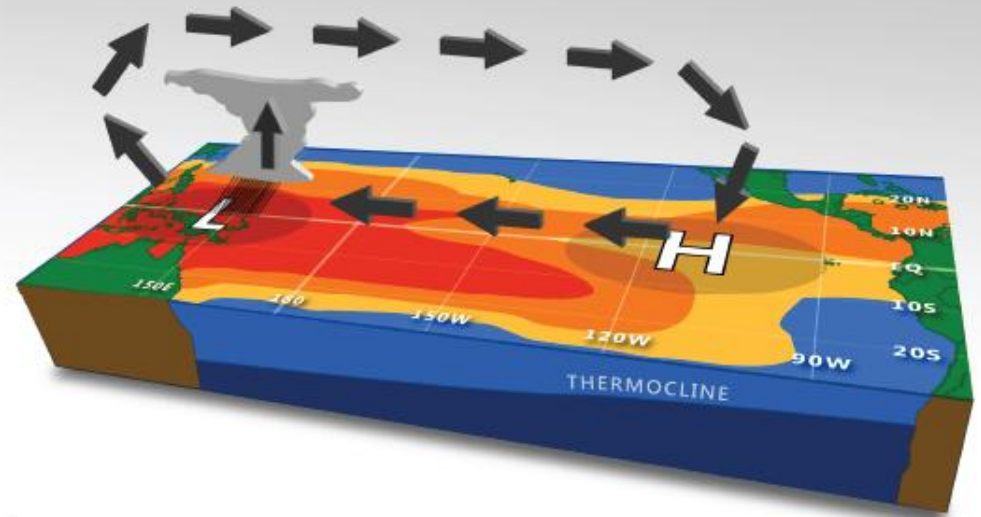


Figure 1  
NEUTRAL CONDITIONS

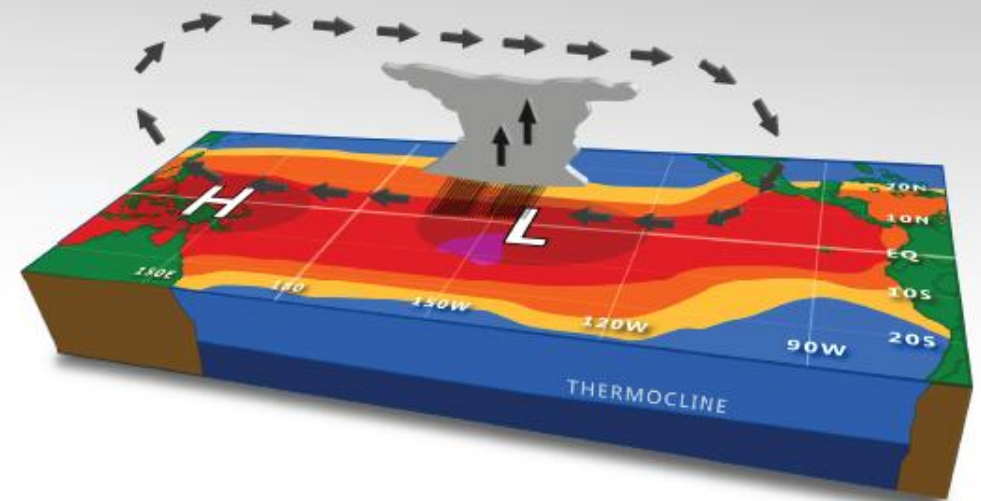
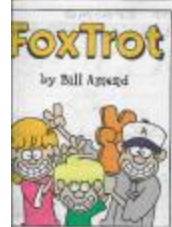
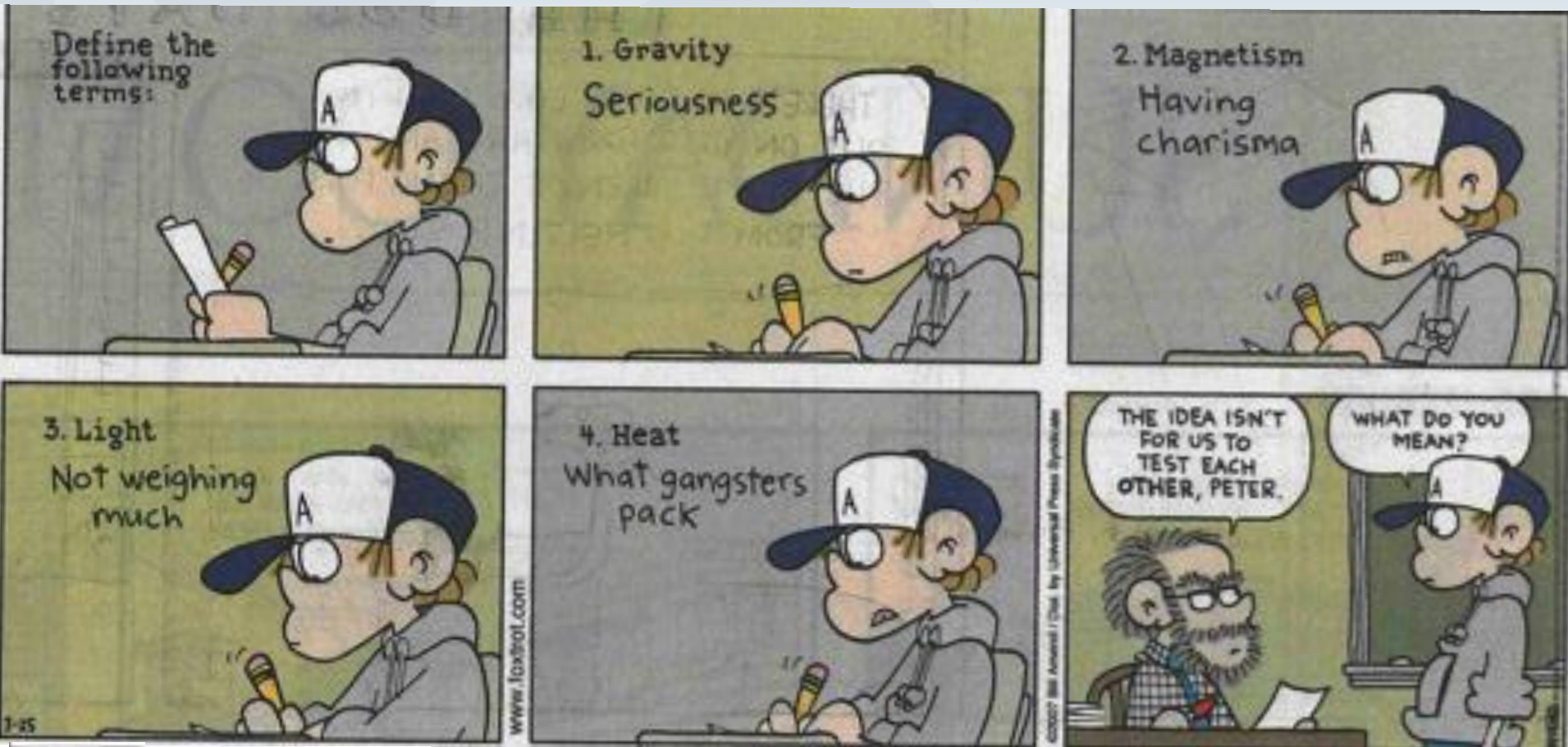


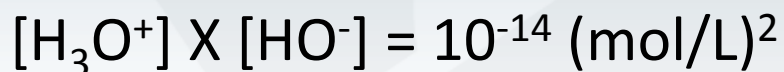
Figure 2  
EL NIÑO CONDITIONS



# Science Uses Words in Specialized Ways



# Science Texts Compact Ideas Densely for Efficiency



*An Argument for the Cometary Origin of the Biosphere* by Armand Delsemme

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Each of these science text types presents problems of comprehension to the science reader/science learner (and therefore presents *opportunities to learn* how to tackle them)

Raise your hand if you love  
all of these cool science  
texts.



# Why Read in the Science Classroom?

Science texts serve many roles for scientists and for science learners (Yore, 2004; Cervetti & Barber, 2008)

| Scientists   | Students                           |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Situate their research   | Provide context                    |
| Search for information about topics of interest  | Deliver content                    |
| Learn about methods they might use   | Provide models                     |
| Learn about other scientists' findings and critique their conclusions; use second-hand data for new investigations | Support second-hand investigations |
| All of the above   | Support first-hand investigation   |



(Cervetti, G. N., & Barber, J. (2008). Text in hands-on science. In E. H. Hiebert & M. Sailors (Eds.), *Finding the right texts: What works for beginning and struggling readers* (pp. 89-108). New York, NY Guilford.)

# Provide Context



- introduce domain and/or context
- invite students to engage with the context
- connect to the world outside the classroom

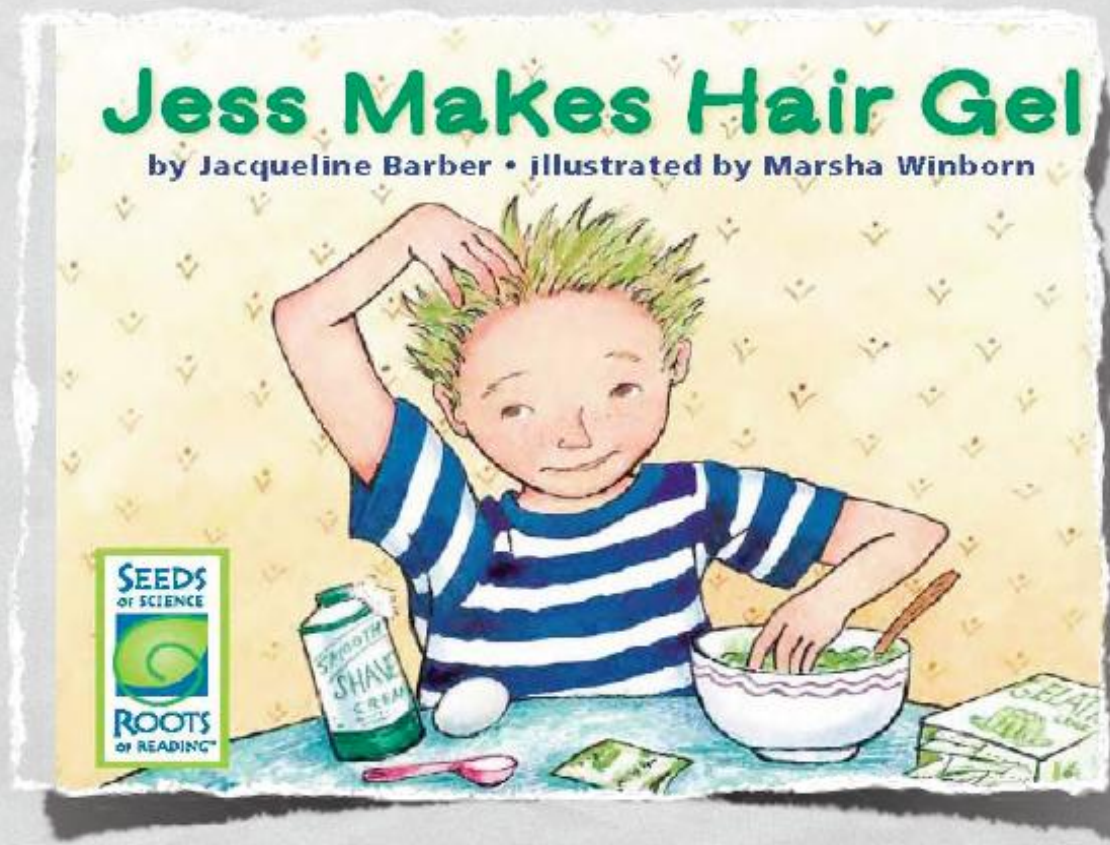




# Provide Models



- model inquiry processes
- model nature of science
- model literacy processes





# Support Second-Hand Investigations



- provide data for students to interpret

Jess's Substance Table

| Substance     | Properties  |              |                           |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------|
|               | Looks shiny | Makes spikes | Notes                     |
| Shampoo       | yes         | no           | foamy                     |
| Shaving cream | no          | yes          | very foamy                |
| Egg whites    | yes         | no           | too thick                 |
| Corn syrup    | no          | no           | too thin                  |
| Lime gelatin  | yes         | yes          | green<br>smells like lime |
| Glue stick    | no          | yes          | hard when dry             |

Jess **compared** the substances. Only lime gelatin made his hair shiny and spiky. But there were problems with the lime gelatin. Who wants green hair? Who wants to smell like lime?

## Jess Makes Hair Gel

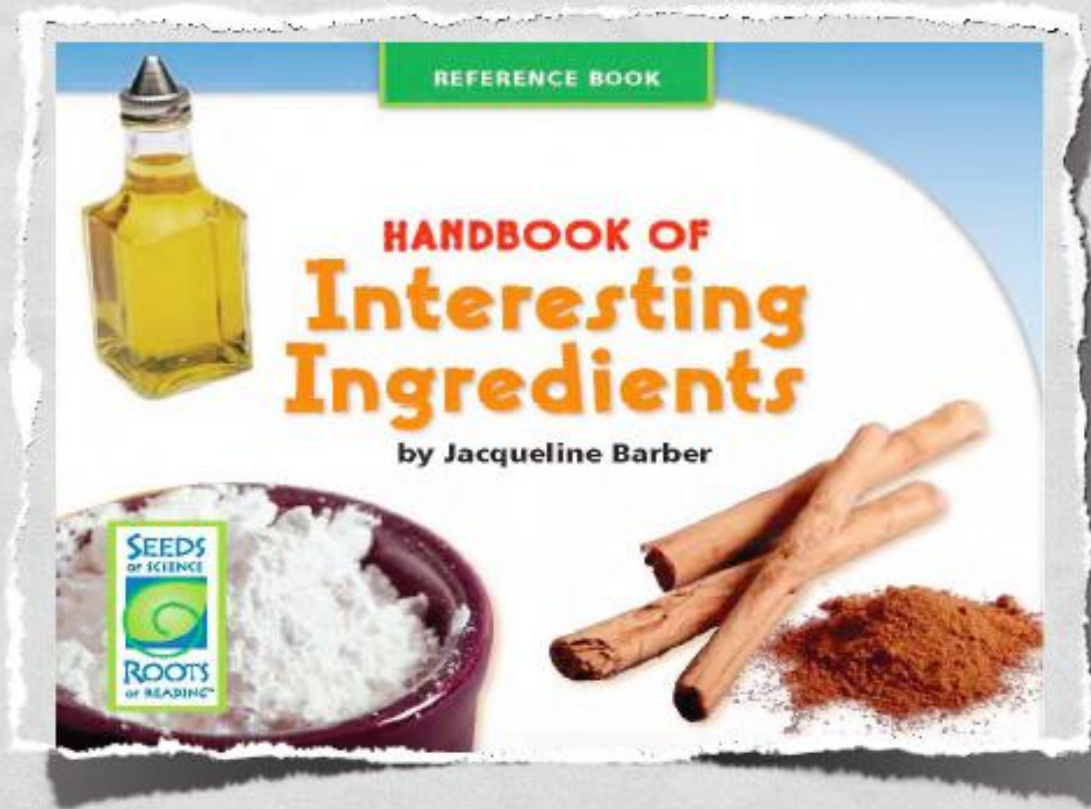
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# Support First-Hand Investigations



- provide information that facilitates firsthand investigations
- support students in making sense of firsthand investigations
- inspire firsthand investigations

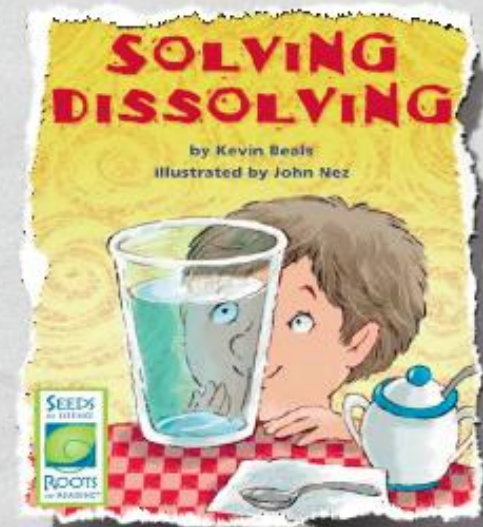
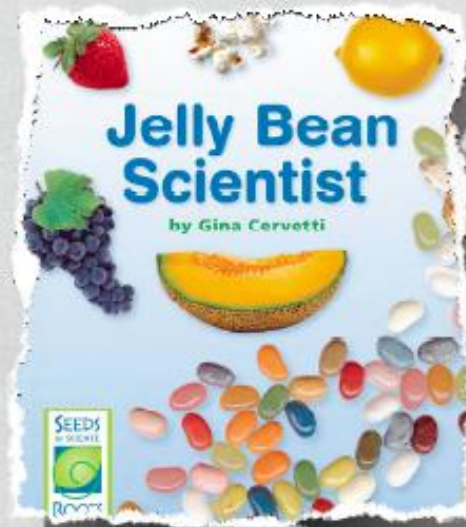
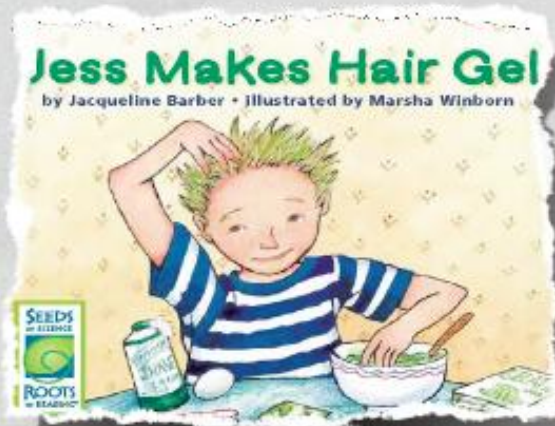
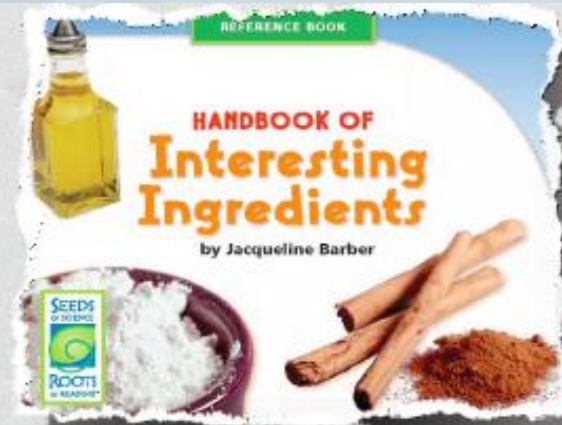




# Deliver Content



- deliver science information
- provide information and explanations about unobservable phenomena





# Why Read in the Science Classroom?

Inquiry and meaning making practices are similar in close reading and science investigation

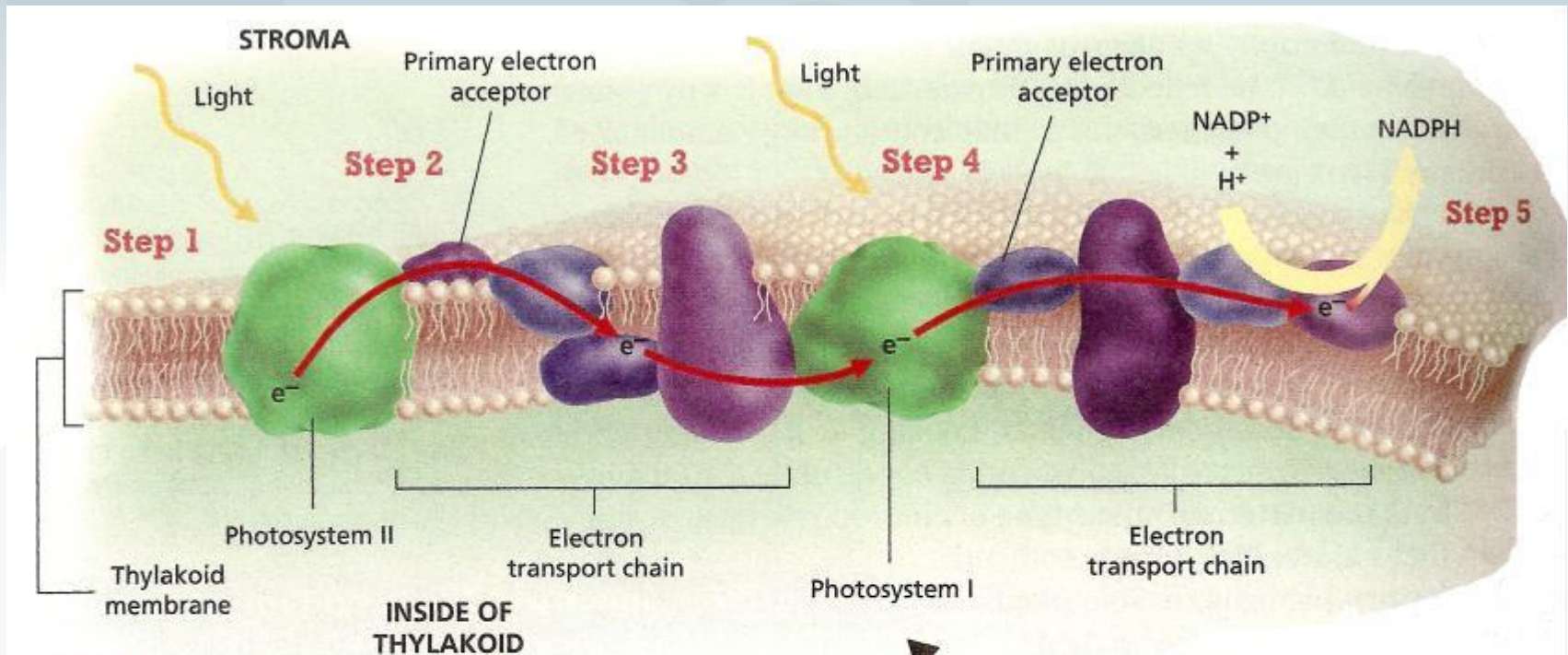
- Asking questions, exploring possibilities, building coherence, making connections, making inferences, testing hypotheses

Approached as inquiry into meaning, engaged science reading develops inquiry dispositions

- Curiosity and puzzlement, tolerance for ambiguity
- Stamina and persistence in the face of challenge, self efficacy and confidence
- Metacognition, monitoring conceptual change

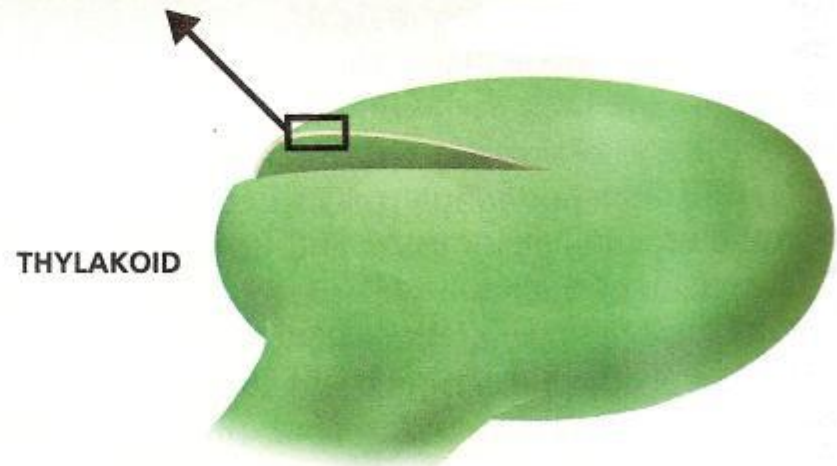


# Diagram Detective: What Does an Arrow Mean?



**FIGURE 6-5**

The light reactions take place in the thylakoid membrane and involve several steps. Step 1: Light excites electrons in chlorophyll *a* molecules of photosystem II. Step 2: These electrons move to a primary electron acceptor. Step 3: The electrons are then transferred along a series of molecules called an electron transport chain. Step 4: Light excites electrons in chlorophyll *a* molecules of photosystem I. As these electrons move to another primary electron acceptor, they are replaced by electrons from photosystem II. Step 5: The electrons from photosystem I are transferred along a second electron transport chain. At the end of this chain, they combine with  $\text{NADP}^+$  and  $\text{H}^+$  to make  $\text{NADPH}$ .





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# Word Detective: What Does an Unfamiliar Word or Word Use Mean?

The Word Wall grows organically from student nominations in Abby Noche's AP Biology classroom in New Haven Unified School District

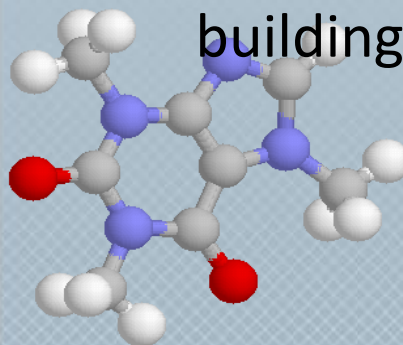




# Why Read in the Science Classroom?

Teaching approaches to support science reading and science inquiry practices overlap

- Making thinking visible, collaborating in a community of sense makers, modeling and mentoring, discussion
- Journaling, visual note-making, word learning strategies, model building





# To Advance Students' Science Reading and Science Learning, They Need to Be..

*A grand shift in pedagogy is needed to support students in doing the intellectual work*

- Grappling, inquiring, raising questions
- Making meaning
- Building knowledge
- Identifying and solving problems
- Generating, finding, and using evidence
- Constructing and critiquing arguments





# Modeling and Mentoring with Familiar Metacognitive Routines

Engage in a task (reading a passage, designing a science investigation, carrying out a lab)

Turn the tables on what “counts”

***What was confusing?***

***How did you figure that out?***

Share and record *how* the class members approach it

- Think Aloud (Teacher Modeling, Partner Think Alouds)
- Annotation (Talking to the Text followed by Pair/Small Group Problem Solving)
- Reciprocal Modeling of Problem Solving Strategies (I do, we do, you do)
- Collaborative Meaning Making (reading in the classroom)
- Gradual Release of Responsibility

# Will Brown's Intro to Chemistry Class

Click on the link in the chat window:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ickLXQqGly0&feature=youtu.be>

Or

<http://readingapprenticeship.org/research-impact/videos/classroom/>

And scroll to Intro to Chemistry video



Please give us a green check when you are finished.





# What did you notice?

How did the teacher, Will Brown:

- Invite students to share puzzlement about reading and about science?
- Engage students to make meaning of complex text?
- Build connection between reading and hands-on investigations?



# Meaning Making *with* and *through* Science Texts

## *With* the text

- Looking *at* the text as a conveyance of science ideas and information
- Making sense of the conventions of science communication (puzzling through, breaking the code)

## *Through* the text

- Looking *through* the text to the science ideas and information it conveys
- Puzzling through the information, claims, and evidence
- Using texts to build explanations of science phenomena

What does it mean? How do we know? What is puzzling?  
How can we figure it out?

# Construct a “Living” Reading Strategies List



What is one thing you did to make sense of this text?

- When? Where? Why?
- How did it affect your understanding?

What got in the way? What was confusing?

- What problems did you solve? How?
- What problems remain?



Abby Noche's  
classroom  
"Shower Curtain"  
captures students'  
ideas about  
what works well  
in science reading,  
thinking, and  
discussion  
over time

| READING.   | THOSE WHO DO THE<br>THINKING.   | TALKING  |
|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Skimming</u> to get the Bird's Eye View</li> <li>• <u>Use Organizers</u> to get help on what to focus</li> <li>• <u>Reread</u> for deeper meaning</li> <li>• <u>Figure out unfamiliar Vocab</u><br/>break it down if can w/ prefixes, suffixes, roots<br/>look it up based on contextual clues<br/>Add to Word Wall</li> <li>• <u>Notice sci. processes/sequences.</u></li> <li>• text includes <u>diagrams, charts</u> &amp; <u>graphs</u>. A picture is worth a thousand words.</li> <li>• <u>Annotating</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- summarizing</li> <li>- clarifying</li> <li>- thinking/making connections (schema)</li> <li>- asking questions</li> <li>- making predictions</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Explain</u> How do you know what you know?</li> <li>• Don't just memorize (What). Spend time <u>figuring out</u> how and why.</li> <li>• In margins of organizers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- cite source</li> <li>- <u>keep track of your questions.</u></li> </ul> If these don't resolve right away, have <u>Patience and Stamina!</u> </li> <li>• <u>Compare and Contrast</u> ideas</li> <li>• <u>Give</u> Concept<br/>Description<br/>Examples</li> <li>• <u>Value ALL thinking</u></li> <li>• <u>LINK</u><br/>List what you know (Schema)<br/>Inquire We will walk in the path of our questions<br/>Note. Let's debrief/<br/>Know via <u>Disciplinary Discourse</u></li> <li>• <u>Levels of Questions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Right There On my Own</li> <li>- Pulling it Together</li> <li>- Author &amp; Me</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• About Daily Questions.</li> <li>• Confusion is <u>Cool!</u> share them</li> <li>• <u>Be prepared</u> for our conversations by completing homework.</li> <li>• You in a Group - <u>SOLAR</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Silent when someone is completing their thoughts.</li> <li>- Orient self toward speaker.</li> <li>- Lean in.</li> <li>- Affirm what you hear by staying positive.</li> <li>- Reflect back what you hear.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• How &amp; Why we group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- clear up understanding</li> <li>- express multiple viewpoints</li> <li>- elevates questions</li> </ul> </li> <li>- in pairs</li> <li>- in small groups</li> <li>- in whole group</li> <li>• <u>NOCHE &amp; You</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- When asking questions, say what you know first.</li> <li>- I want to <u>allow you the Exhilaration of your own Discovery!</u></li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <p>ARE THE ONES WHO ARE ALSO DOING THE</p> <p><b>LEARNING!</b></p>   |   |  |
|  |   |  |

# Metacognitive Dual-Entry Logs and Journals



EVIDENCE (I saw/noticed/read)

INTERPRETATION (I thought/  
wondered)

# Science Reading Bookmarks

## **Questioning**

A question I have is ...

I wonder about ...

## **Predicting**

I predict that ...

I think this is ...

This is important because ...

## **Visualizing**

I can picture ...

I can see ...

## **Making Connections**

This is like ...

This reminds me of ...

This is an example of ...

## **Identifying a Problem**

I'm confused about ...

I'm not sure of ...

I didn't expect ...

## **Summarizing**

So what it is saying is ...

The big idea here is ...

## **Using Fix-Ups**

I'll re-read this

I'll read on & check back

## **Modeling**

This helps me explain ...

This goes against ...

This reinforces ...

So the cause(s) is/are ...

So the effect(s) is/are ...



# Science Sentence Frames to Prompt Reading/ Thinking/ Discussion

## Asking Questions

- What I read ... on page xx, I wondered...
- After I read ... on page xx, I got confused about ... because ...
- On page xx I could not understand why ...
- Do you think it makes sense that ...?

## Offering Evidence

- I think one reason is on page xx, where it says ...
- I don't think ... could be true because on page xx it says...
- If ... is true, then that is a good reason to think that ... is true.
- Even though ... is true, on page xx, ... is stronger evidence for the opposite.

## Building on Ideas

- I agree with your idea that ... and I would like to add ...
- I like your idea that ... Do you think that means ...?
- I have a different idea. To me, the evidence ... on page xx means ...
- Would you agree that there is a connection between ... and ...?

# Ask Questions that Support Rather than Test Comprehension

## Supporting

What was hard to understand in that passage?

What was confusing that we need to work on together as a whole class?

Did anyone find a way to figure that out?

## Testing

Who can tell me how many \_\_\_\_\_?

What happens when \_\_\_\_\_?

What are the stages of \_\_\_\_\_?

What is \_\_\_\_\_ called?



# Ask Questions that Build Rather than Test Knowledge

## Building

What was new for you in that text?

How does that help us explain \_\_\_\_\_?

Did anyone find any evidence we should add to our model?

How would that work?

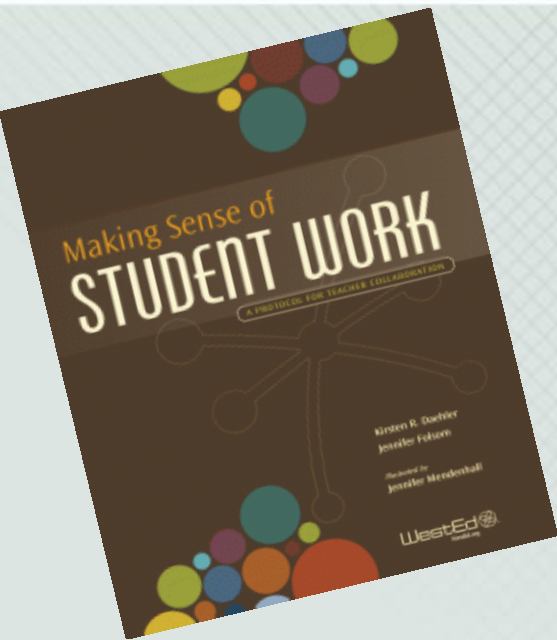
According to the text, how does \_\_\_\_\_ lead to \_\_\_\_\_?

What causes \_\_\_\_\_?

How many \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ are there?

If you add \_\_\_\_\_, what happens?

# Grade and Assess Learning not just Knowing



Value effort and growth in science inquiry practices

Value effort and growth in science reading

Develop and share learning goals and criteria with students

Assessment resources on website:  
[readingapprenticeship.org](http://readingapprenticeship.org)

- Curriculum Embedded Reading Assessment and rubric
- Student Science Reading Goals



# Why Read in the Science Classroom?

We can make reading science texts more like doing real science

- Repurposing science texts
- Approaching science reading as inquiry
- Fostering interplay with laboratory investigations

Good models of “science inquiry with texts” point the way

- Text-based and text-enriched investigations and inquiry science at elementary, middle school, and high school levels



# Concept Oriented Reading Instruction, Upper Elementary

<http://www.corilearning.com/>

Children work in groups on extended projects of their own choosing, selecting topics such as threats to the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

- They find books within the classroom and school media center relevant to their topics.
- They engage in hands-on experiences.
- They fill notebooks with information from multiple sources, including Web sites and reference materials.
- They share resources and help each other piece together an understanding of the watershed.



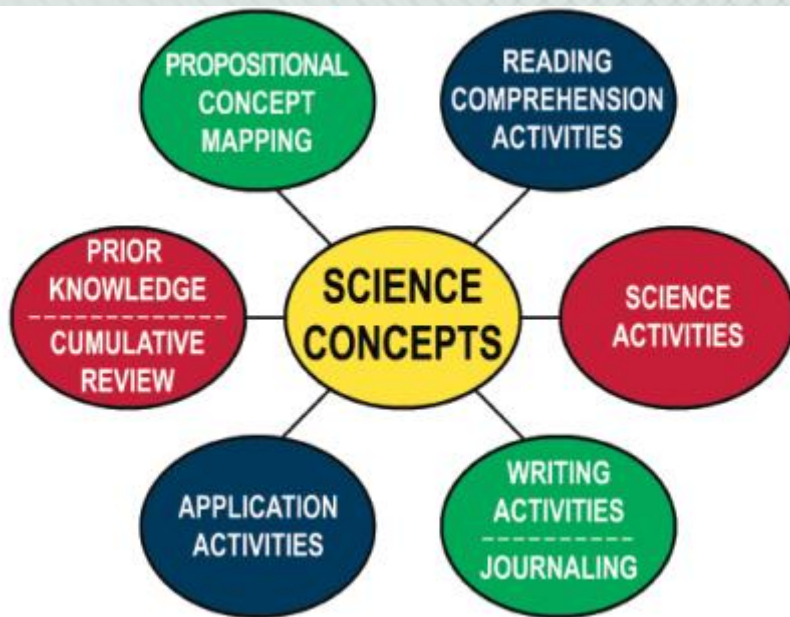
Instructional goals include engagement, fluency development, reading and science goals, comprehension strategy instruction, writing and communicating, and extended reading.





# In-Depth Expanded Applications of Science (IDEAS)

<http://scienceideas.org/>



Students engage in a variety of inquiry-oriented hands-on, reading comprehension, writing/journaling, and concept mapping activities, all of which focus on the science concepts to be learned.

Concept-focused activities build student in-depth understanding of core science concepts, while improving their ability to read with comprehension and to represent the cumulative conceptual knowledge they have gained.

# Roots of Reading, Science of Science

[www.scienceandliteracy.org](http://www.scienceandliteracy.org)



*Seeds of Science/Roots of Reading* is a 2nd-5th grade curriculum that integrates science and literacy to provide access to deep science knowledge, academic vocabulary, and powerful skills and strategies in both literacy and science.

It is designed to reflect the practices of real scientists, and to meet the needs of all students, including English language learners.

Each *Seeds of Science/Roots of Reading* unit includes student books, materials for hands-on activities, assessments, a teacher's guide, and more.

Books play a variety of roles, such as providing context for students' investigations, modeling scientific processes, supporting both first- and second-hand inquiry, and providing content that is difficult to observe firsthand.



# Guided Inquiry Supporting Multiple Literacies (GIsML)



Scientist's Notebooks: texts designed to model scientific inquiry processes

- Identify the problem the (fictitious) scientist is investigating
- Think aloud about how she can accurately model the phenomenon for the purposes of investigation
- Making decisions about how she will most effectively represent the data she is collecting
- Share her data and the claims that she believes she can make from these data
- Respond to the critical reactions of her colleagues as they weigh the evidence for her claims
- Revise her thinking as she gathers new data or considers alternative explanations

Magnussen, S. & Palincsar, A. (2004). Learning from text designed to model scientific thinking in inquiry-based instruction.



# Reflections



What ideas do these examples of integrated literacy and science teaching and learning bring to mind for your own teaching? for the teachers with whom you work?





# Why Read in the Science Classroom?

## Resources abound

- Science news reporting, trustworthy websites, trade journals, trade books, and even the textbook

The screenshot shows the NASA Science News website. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Big Questions, Earth, HelioPhysics, Planets, Astrophysics, Missions, Technology, and Science News. Below the navigation bar is a green banner with the text "NASA SCIENCE NEWS". Underneath the banner is a dark bar with links for "IAC Science Committee", "NASA Science for ...", "NASA Celebrates ...", and "About Us". The main content area features an article titled "NEAR MISS: THE SOLAR SUPERSTORM OF JULY 2012". The article text reads: "July 23, 2014: If an asteroid big enough to knock modern civilization back to the 18th century appeared out of deep space and buzzed the Earth-Moon system, the near-miss would be instant worldwide headline news. Two years ago, Earth experienced a close shave just as perilous, but most newspapers didn't mention it. The 'impactor' was an extreme solar storm, the most powerful in as much as 150+ years. 'If it had hit, we would still be picking up the pieces,' says Daniel Baker of the University of Colorado." Below the text is a large image showing a 3D model of the Earth and a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) hitting it. The image is labeled "Stereo B" and "Coronal Mass Ejection (CME)".



# Resources that Support Meaningful Science Reading

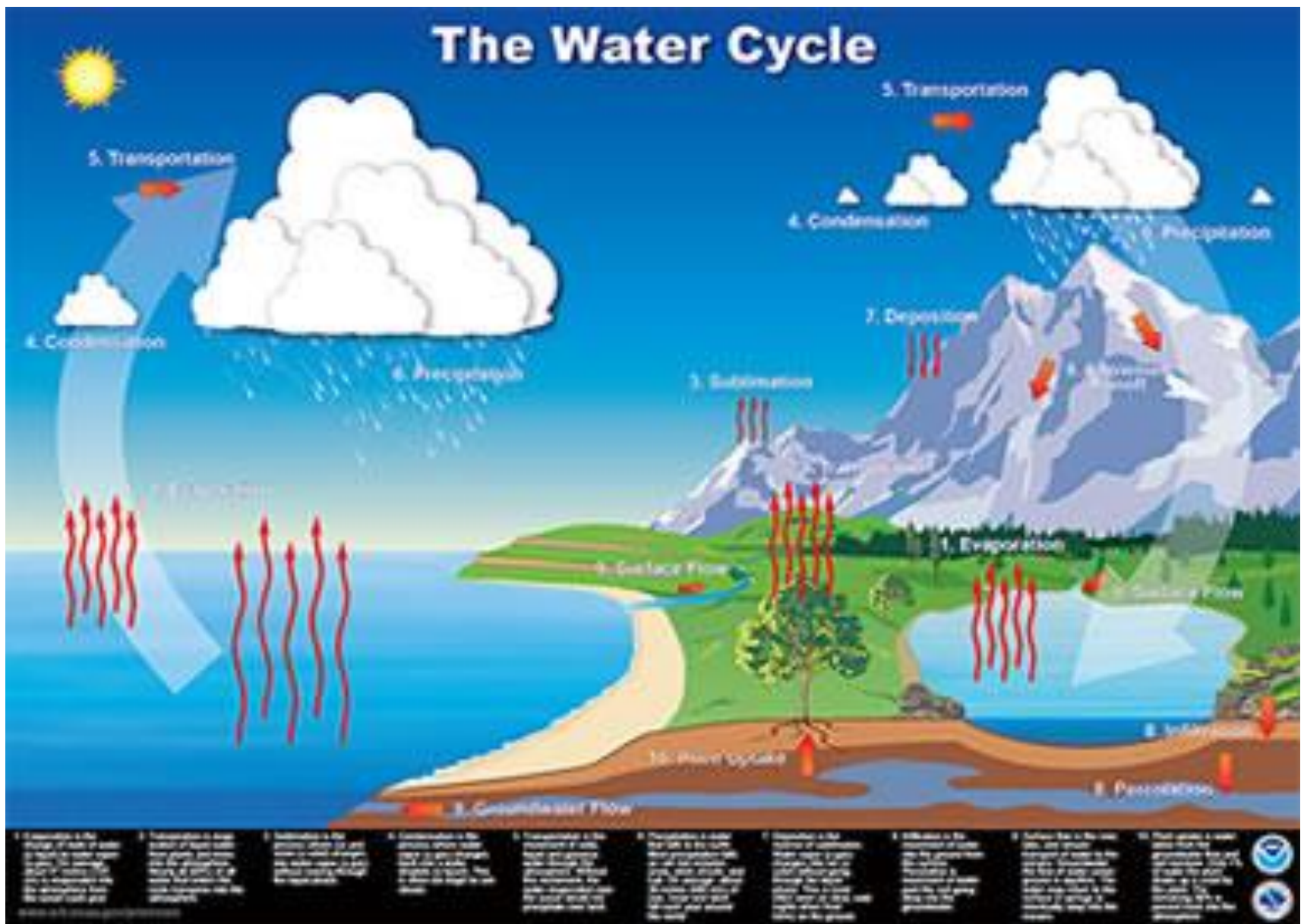
Reliable websites offer multiple texts and representations to read on science topics of keen interest

- (NASA, NOAA, CDC, university science departments, science museums)

Science magazines for children, students, public

Science news (New York Times)

Textbooks (repurpose for inquiry, use excerpts)



[http://www.education.noaa.gov/Freshwater/Water\\_Cycle.html](http://www.education.noaa.gov/Freshwater/Water_Cycle.html)

# NOAA Data Portal

## Global Climate Dashboard



Climate Change



Climate Variability

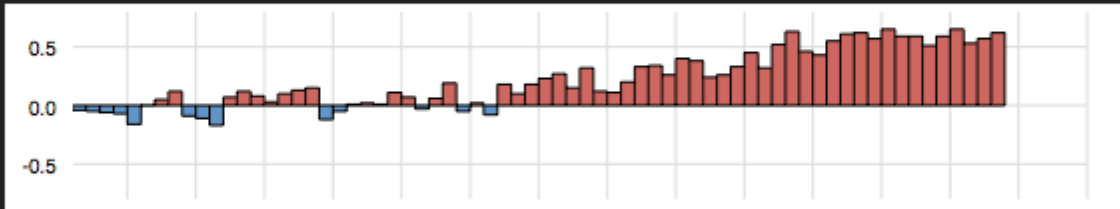


Climate Projections

### Global Average Temperature (°C)

The temperature near Earth's surface is rising: the bars show each year's average temperature compared to the 20th century average.

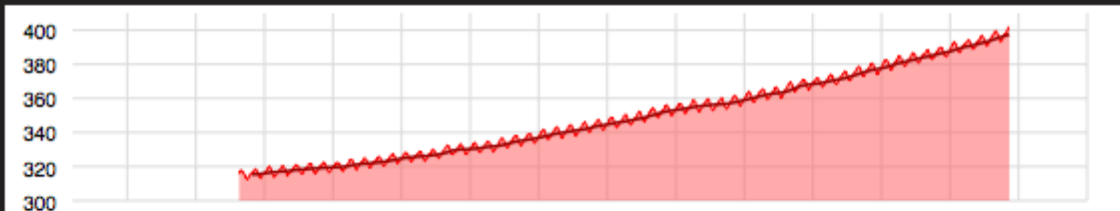
[learn more >>](#)



### Carbon Dioxide (ppm)

The amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has risen by 25% since 1958, and by about 40% since the Industrial Revolution.

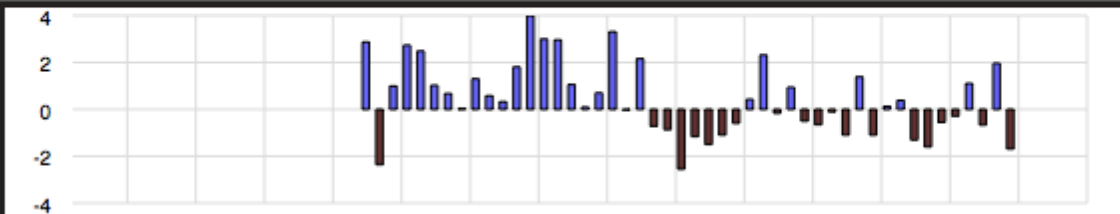
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### Spring Snow Cover (million km<sup>2</sup>)

Snow is melting earlier: each bar shows spring snow cover in the Northern Hemisphere compared to the long-term average.

[learn more >>](#)



1950 1955 1960 1965 1970 1975 1980 1985 1990 1995 2000 2005 2010 2015 2020

← Earlier

Later →



Temperature



Sea Level



Sun's Energy



Carbon Dioxide



Arctic Sea Ice



Glaciers



Snow



Ocean Heat



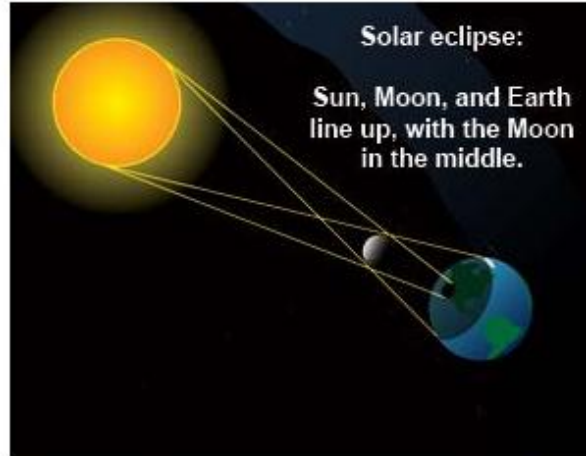
Heat-Trapping Gases



# NASA website

An eclipse happens when one object in space gets right in front of another object in space. Seeing that happen is awesome! And it is a chance to learn more about one or both of the objects.

Depending on what gets in front of what, we have different names for the eclipse.



*When the Moon passes between us and the Sun, we call it a solar eclipse. It is the Sun that is being "eclipsed" (meaning hidden or blocked from sight).*

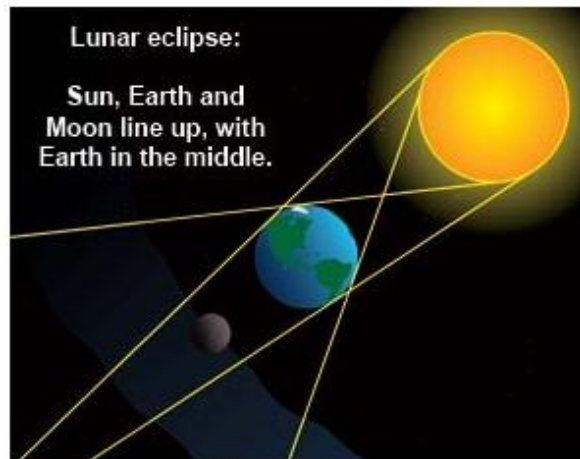
To form an eclipse, the two objects and the observer must be located along a straight line.

These are the most notable eclipses we see on Earth. During a solar eclipse, daylight gets dimmer for a few minutes, then returns to normal. During a lunar eclipse, the Moon may look like an orange ball. We can still see it because it reflects some sunlight that has grazed Earth's atmosphere, becoming reddened and scattered by the atmosphere as if at sunset.

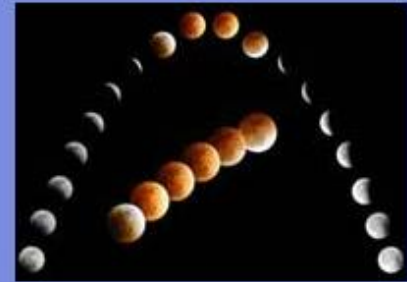
There is one other very rare eclipse that we can also see happening before our very

SHIELDED eyes. That one is called a "Venus transit." Venus orbits closer to the Sun than Earth does. Sometimes Venus passes between Earth and the Sun. When things are lined up just right, we can see Venus as a small black dot moving across the face of the Sun.

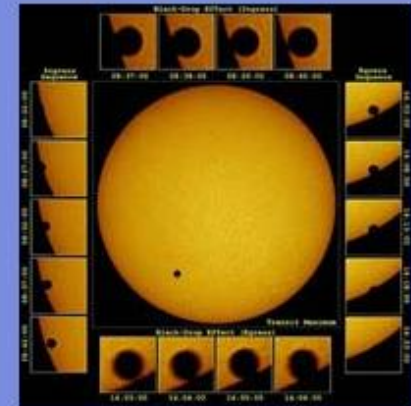
**How often can we see a Venus transit?**



*When Earth passes right between the Sun and the Moon, we get a lunar eclipse.*

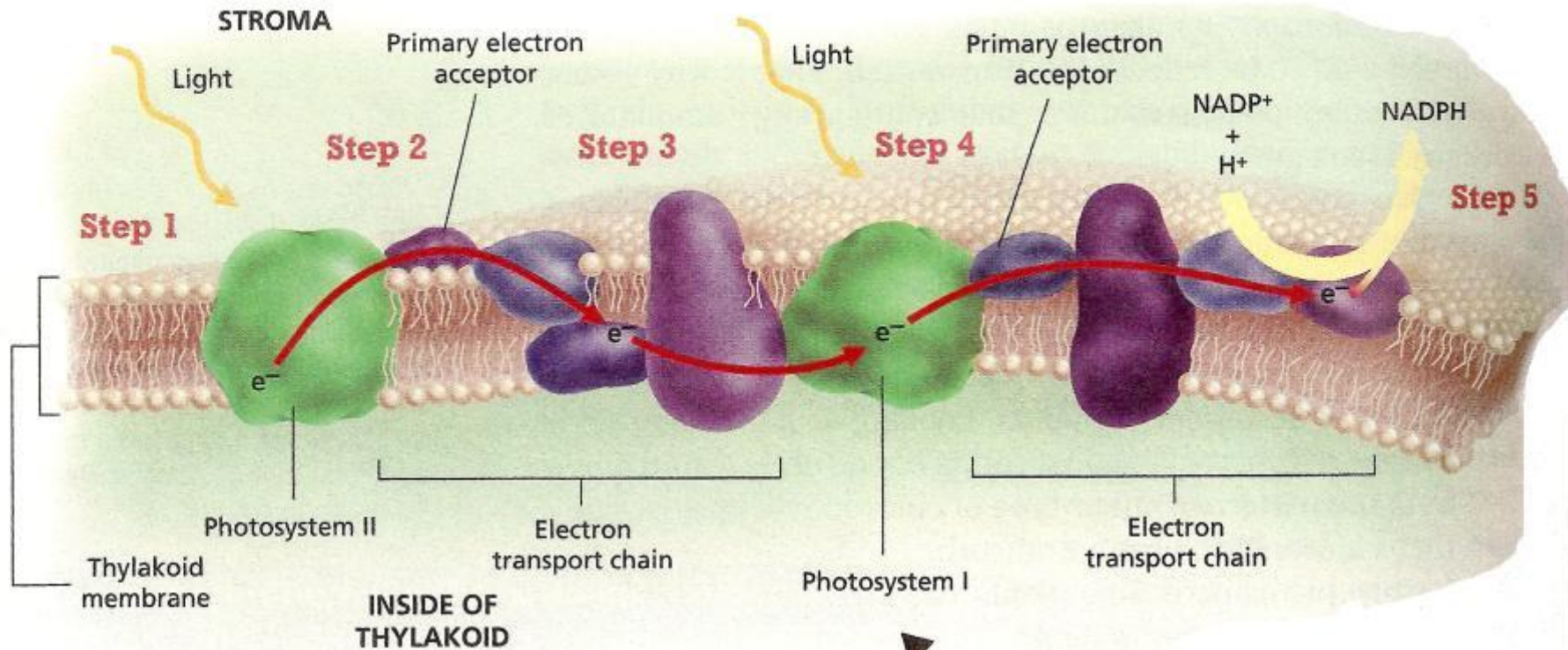


*During a lunar eclipse, the Moon glows a soft orange. It is lit by scattered, reddened sunlight that has grazed Earth's atmosphere as if during a sunset. Credit: Anthony Ayiomamitis, Athens, Greece.*



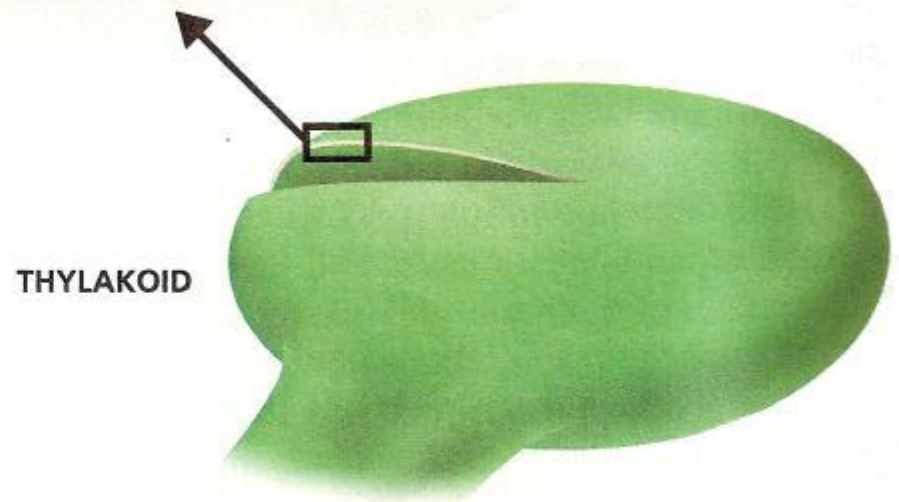
*This series of photos shows the progress of Venus across the face of the Sun during the Venus transit of 2004. Credit: Anthony Ayiomamitis, Athens, Greece.*





**FIGURE 6-5**

The light reactions take place in the thylakoid membrane and involve several steps. Step 1: Light excites electrons in chlorophyll *a* molecules of photosystem II. Step 2: These electrons move to a primary electron acceptor. Step 3: The electrons are then transferred along a series of molecules called an electron transport chain. Step 4: Light excites electrons in chlorophyll *a* molecules of photosystem I. As these electrons move to another primary electron acceptor, they are replaced by electrons from photosystem II. Step 5: The electrons from photosystem I are transferred along a second electron transport chain. At the end of this chain, they combine with  $NADP^+ + H^+$  to make NADPH.







What are some great science texts you've used?

What are some good sources of science texts?

Let's build a resource list!

# Online



## Reading Apprenticeship Resources at [readingapprenticeship.org](http://readingapprenticeship.org)

- Reproducible resources and teaching tools from *Reading for Understanding*
- [readingapprenticeship.org/research-impact/videos/classroom/](http://readingapprenticeship.org/research-impact/videos/classroom/)

## RRSS Practice Guides to support science reading

- [www.scienceandliteracy.org](http://www.scienceandliteracy.org)





# Why NOT Read in the Science Classroom?

## Take-Aways: Pay Attention To..

What you read (varied representations, trustworthy sources)

Why you read (foster inquiry purposes)

How you read (metacognitive, collaborative)

Who is doing the reading (engagement, support)

When you read (before, during, after, and *as* investigations)

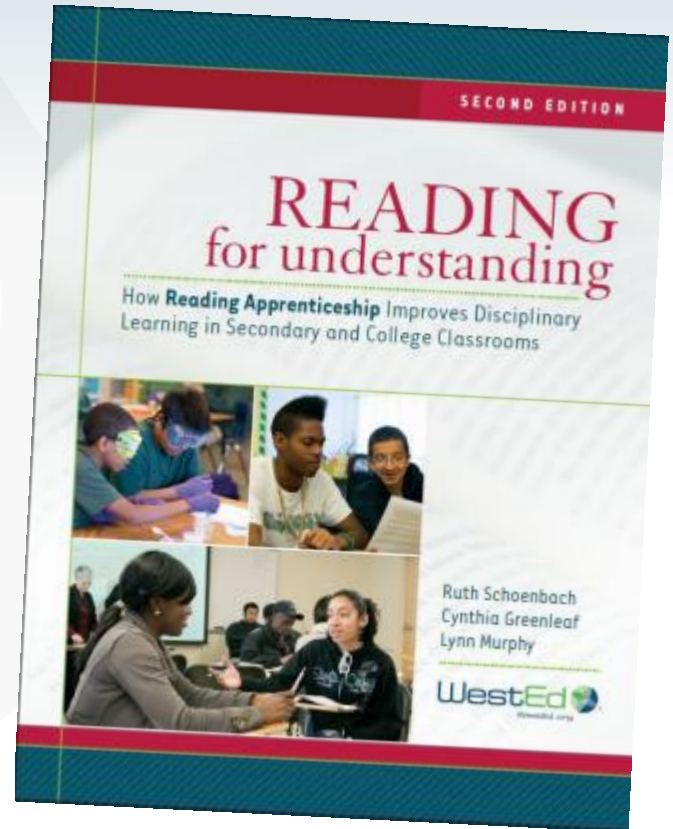
Supporting the range of learners in the classroom to make meaning of science with science texts



*What was confusing?  
How did you figure that out?*

readingapprenticeship.org

Thank you





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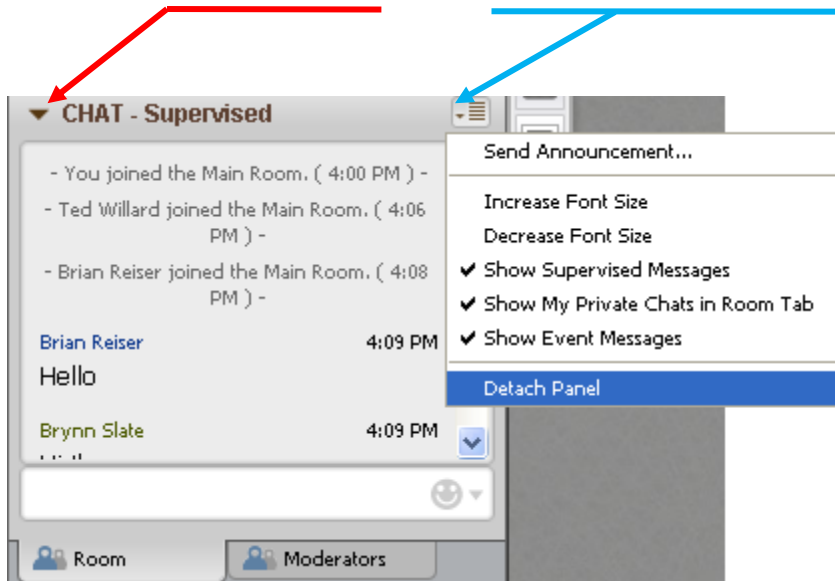


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