

## **Elementary Reading Systems Readiness Activity**

The Readiness Activity for elementary school staff is designed to provide a compelling “why” for creating a School-wide Reading Model, build background knowledge in elementary reading instruction, and prepare elementary staff for the Tier 1 Elementary School-wide Reading Model series.

### **Overview**

The Elementary Reading Systems Readiness Activity is a collection of learning experiences designed to provide school staff with an overview of the reading process, the need for a system to make sure all students are readers, and the negative impact when students leave elementary school with limited reading skills. These activities allow the entire staff to have a common reference point for the work that the School Leadership Team will be engaged in during the coming year.

This 40 to 45-minute set of activities gives District Implementation Teams, individual building principals, and/or coaches a set of resources to provide background knowledge on the critical components of elementary reading instruction and the need to create a school-wide reading system to ensure all students become successful readers.

It is recommended that the activity be run at an all-staff meeting prior to the Tier 1 Elementary Reading Systems training series. If a team cannot find 40-45 minutes, they could reduce the number of partner discussions and have one discussion at the end of the session.

### **Agenda**

The readiness session consists of four staff activities with the approximate time for each below. Overall time for the PowerPoint and activities is approximately 45 minutes.

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Resource</b>	<b>Slide Numbers</b>
Introduction Slides	PPT	1-2
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Partner Discussion	PPT	4
<b>Activity 2:</b> Mark Twain Poem	PPT	5-7
Partner Discussion	PPT	8
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Video Discussion	PPT	12-13
Transition	PPT	14-16
<b>Activity 4:</b> Independent Reading	MTSS Article Handout	17
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