Using Sora in Your Classroom

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After today you’ll use Sora to:

- Manage your classroom.
- Deliver low-pressure formative assessments.
- Incorporate digital content into your lesson plans.
Sora + classroom management
Use Sora to:

- Add a Simultaneous Use title to your collection.
- Title assign to your class.
- Give students **direct access** to the title.

Create an emergency lesson plan.

**LESSON PLAN FOR MR. BLACKHURST’S FIRST PERIOD ENGLISH CLASS**

Students will:

1. Open *Anne of Green Gables* from your Sora home page.
2. Read chapter 10 – “Anne’s Apology.”
3. Define the words you don’t know using the “Define” feature.
4. Answer the following questions about the chapter, using the Notes and Highlights feature:
   a. What is the apology Anne’s is expected to make?
   b. Name three ways are Anne and Matthew alike in this chapter. Name three ways in which Anne and Marilla are alike in this chapter.
Support individual students.

- Support new or added students.
- Protect privacy for students reading above or below grade level.
- Accommodate students with certain accessibility needs.
Use Sora to:

- Select a low-risk rental option.
- Use the built-in title assignment feature.
- Allow affordable simultaneous access.

Test a new title for your lesson.

*Titles shown are for demonstration purposes only and may not reflect current pricing.
Use Sora to:

- Turn your syllabus or lesson plans digital.
- Title assign your yearbook, lit mag, or other publication.
- Create special packets for individual classes.

Showcase student & staff publications.

The Formative Assessment Action Plan Treasure Hunt (Group A)

1. Access the publisher’s Overview of the book.
   In Step 3 of the action plan, “________” provides students with valuable and constructive feedback about their successes and needs.

2. Jump to Chapter 2: Feed-Forward: Where Am I Going Next?
   Highlight the three elements that shape learners’ perceptions of their ability to learn.

3. Use the book’s timeline to slide to Chapter 5: Feed-Forward: Where Am I Going Next?
   (Hint: click or tap in the center of the page to bring up the timeline).
   Drop a bookmark on the page where Figure 5.1, Hanan’s Revised “Who I Am” Poem begins.

Local content: information to which you own the digital rights
Use Sora to:

- Guide student discovery of titles.
- Use your expertise or lean on your OverDrive team.
- Curate for your individual school or class.
- Ensure that the right book is in the hands of the right student – 24/7.
Curation + Sora
4eva! ❤️
Curate? More like Cur-GREAT!

Available for individual schools
Curate for faculty & staff

Perfect for PD days & continuing ed!
Engage the community

You can even add a sponsorship message!
Involve your clubs and school events

Connect to your students
3 curated lists – today!

**1. Speedy:**
*Create an automated list*
- Choose a subject
- Choose a grade level
- Choose low-circ. titles
- Choose a language
- Choose a format
- Choose timeliness

**2. Simple:**
*Curate a collection*
- Pick a holiday
- Pick a Read-Alike
- Pick a school initiative
- Pick a partnership
- Pick a reading level
- Pick a format

**3. Specific:**
*Hand-pick titles*
- Teachers’ favorites
- Continuing education
- All-school read
- Resources for breaks
- Clubs and groups
- Representation

Learn how to curate with our Resource Center recorded modules
Sora + formative assessments
Show off your stats

Jane Smith
Blue Sky Academy

- Total books read: 29
- Average time per session: 2 mins
- Average time per book: 5 mins
- Current streak: 1 day
- Longest streak: 1 day

WOW!

Pass It On
You returned a book early. Thanks!
See all achievements →

Reading statistics & achievements
Get carded

San Francisco Public Library

Collections

Public library access
Discover our resources

- Try a marketing kit from the OverDrive Resource Center
Log in – check in

on the web

in the app

Low-pressure
Easy wins
Download – take a load off

Low-pressure

Easy wins
Sora + lesson planning
LOWER GRADES

Learn a language with Read-Alongs

• Add foreign language Read-Along titles.
• Set class expectations.
• Allow the title to play while you observe.
• Slow down narration.
• Google-define non-Western characters.
Build vocabulary with Sora notes

- Title assign your novel.
- Ask students to define words in-app.
- Use vocab words in a new sentence.
- Export and share notes.
- Use student sentences for all-class quiz.
Collaborate & share student work

- Produce work individually.
- Constructively critique as a class.
- Edit in small groups.
- Assign roles.
- Create EPUB document.
- Upload as Local Content.
- Curate or title assign.
Your Sora challenges: CURATE

Before the end of the school year:
Reach out to your clubs

- Take a look at your extracurricular activities.
- Attend a club meeting/meet with the club advisor.
- Connect with obscure or underrepresented student groups.
- CURATE!

Like these ideas?
Read MORE!
Your Sora challenges: PLAN

Before next school year:
Plan digital lessons

- Add titles to Sora to reach all students.
- Examine current lessons.
- Turn 2-3 plans digital.
- Share successes with your school community.

Like these ideas? Read MORE!
By the end of 2019:
Try formative assessments

- Get visual and make it fun.
- Use Sora to track reading progress.
- Promote easy wins for all students (no-pressure check-ins)!

Like these ideas?
Read MORE!
Next steps & help resources

LINKS & RECORDED TRAINING MODULES

• How do I use Sora?
• What is a lending model?
• How do I purchase titles for Sora?
• How do I curate collections for Sora?
• How do I get started with local content?
• How do I assign a title to students?
• Where can I get OverDrive marketing materials?

How can I leave feedback on this OverDrive webcast?