Using Sora to Foster Reading Engagement in YOUR School

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Open a world of reading.

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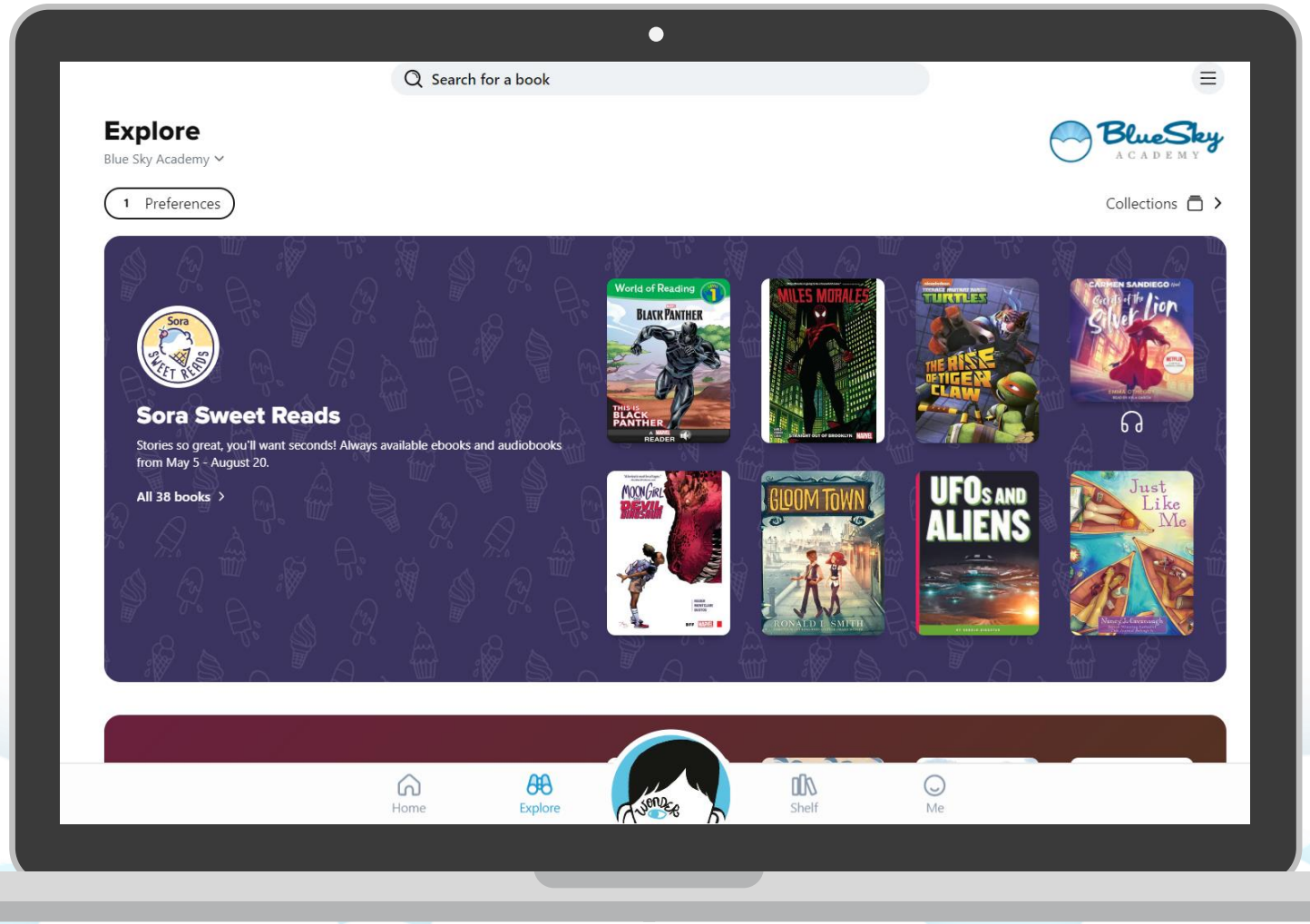
What is Sora?



WHAT IS SORA?

Sora is the best way for students to access your school's digital collection.

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or download the app

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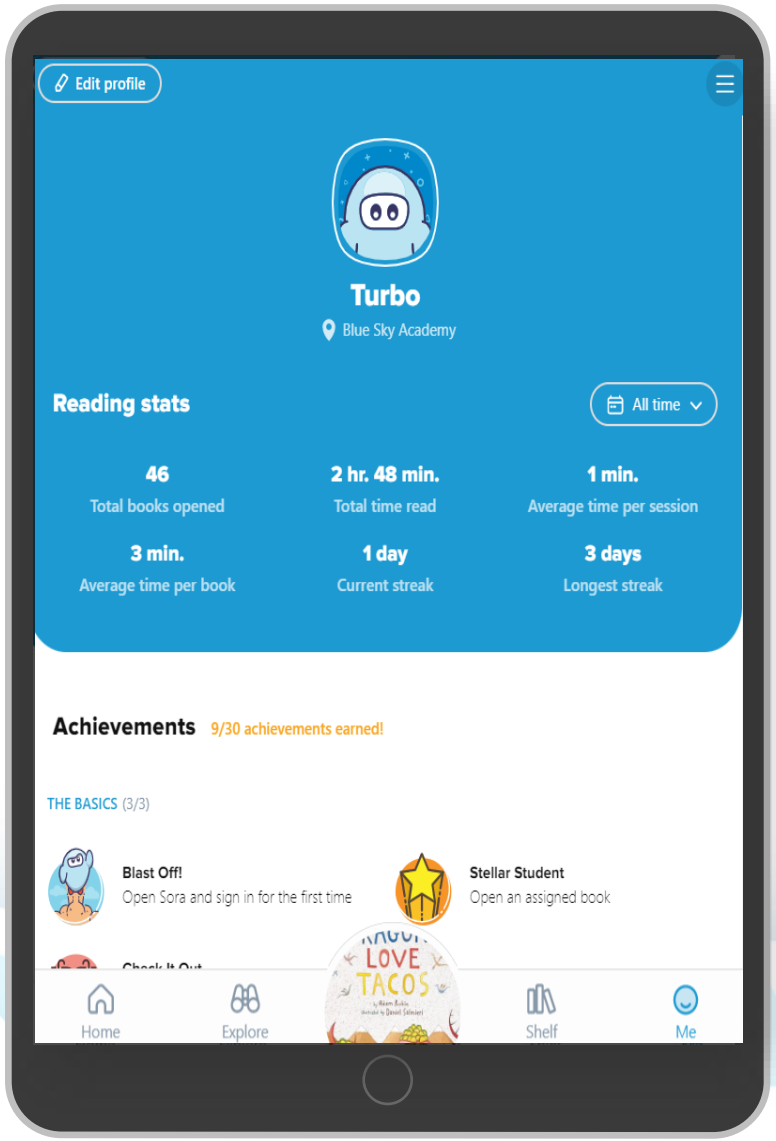
GET IT ON Google Play

Sora
The student reading app

Sora features



- Single-sign-on
- Multilingual interface
- Easy browse and borrow
- Title assignment capabilities
- Offline access
- Public library digital collection access
- Student reading data

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Learning Intentions

- Understand benefits of Sora for student reading engagement
- Examine strategies for Sora implementation:
  - Librarian strategies
  - Classroom strategies
  - Schoolwide or District

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Success Criteria

- I can identify a Sora strategy to implement in my library, classroom or school.

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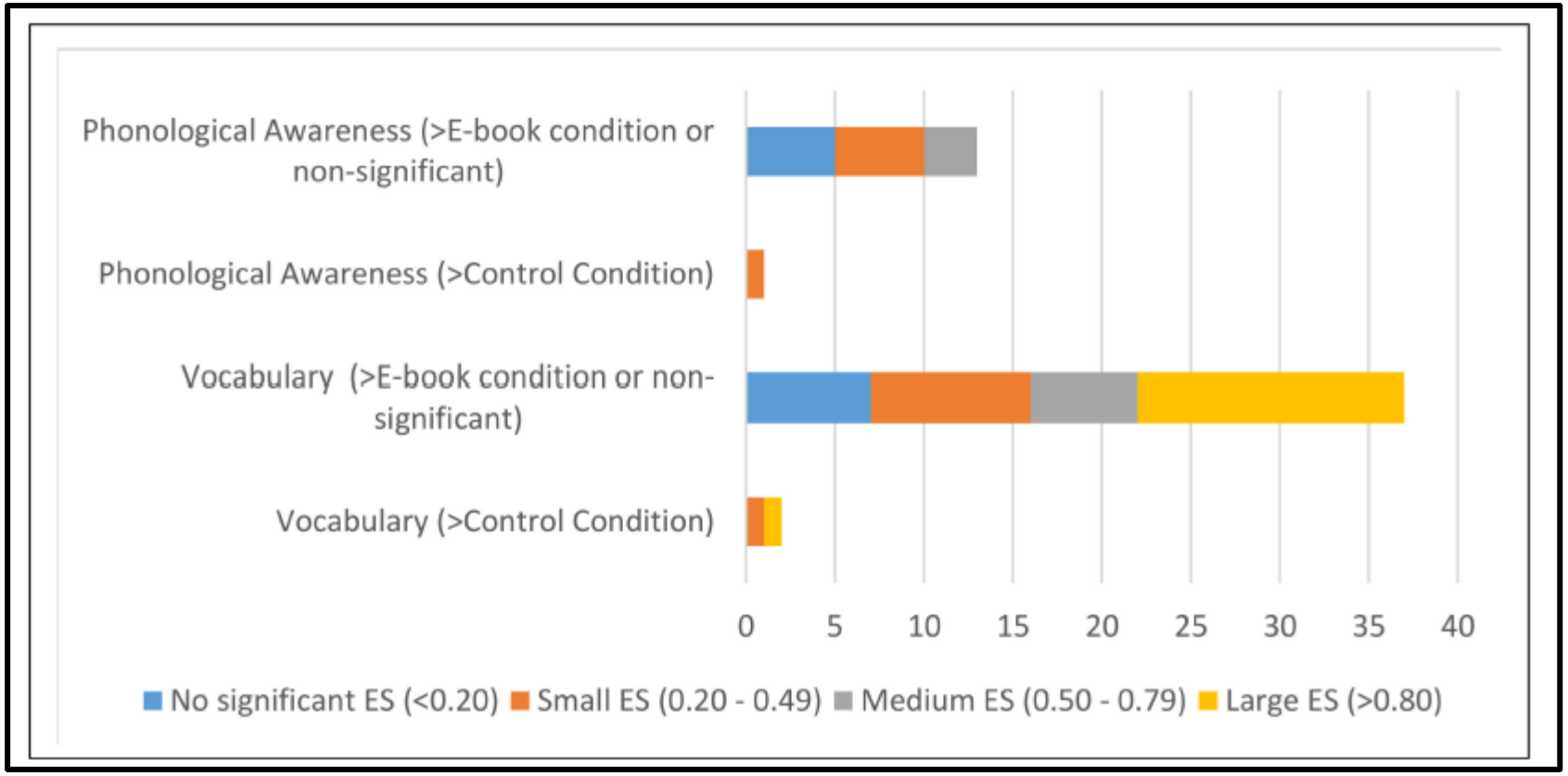
Why Sora? "eBooks significantly impact literacy outcomes"



eBook significant effect size on vocabulary and phonological awareness

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Why Sora? “audio books support literacy engagement & enjoyment”

- 2 in 5 (44.5%) children and young people said that listening to an audiobook or podcast has got them interested in reading books.
- 3 in 5 (61.0%) children and young people agree that listening to audiobooks helps them understand a subject
- 3 in 5 (64.7%) children and young people agreed that when they listen to stories they use their imagination more than when watching videos.

Sora ➡ Choice = Reading Engagement

- Free
- Convenient
- Access anywhere
- **CHOICE!**

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Sora = Reading Engagement

- Provides interesting, diverse texts
- Collection offers user-friendly and include accurate, up-to-date, appealing content.
- Connect student reading to the required curriculum, it indeed promotes learning
- Facilitates active reading strategies including note taking, vocabulary reference, highlighting

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Setup Your School for SORA Success

Beginning of every school year…

- Train Students to use Sora - Student Presentation 1 Student Presentation 2
- Train Teachers to use Sora to support students using Sora
- Survey students proclivities, interests, motivations, reading habits –
  - *THIS is CRITICAL for building reading motivation*
  - Build sora collection from student data
- Survey teachers classroom curricular needs
  - Build Sora collection from teacher data

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Let's talk about SORA!

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Librarian Strategies

- Training
- Digital Flyer for Sora new releases
- Request Sora books
- Shelf Postcards

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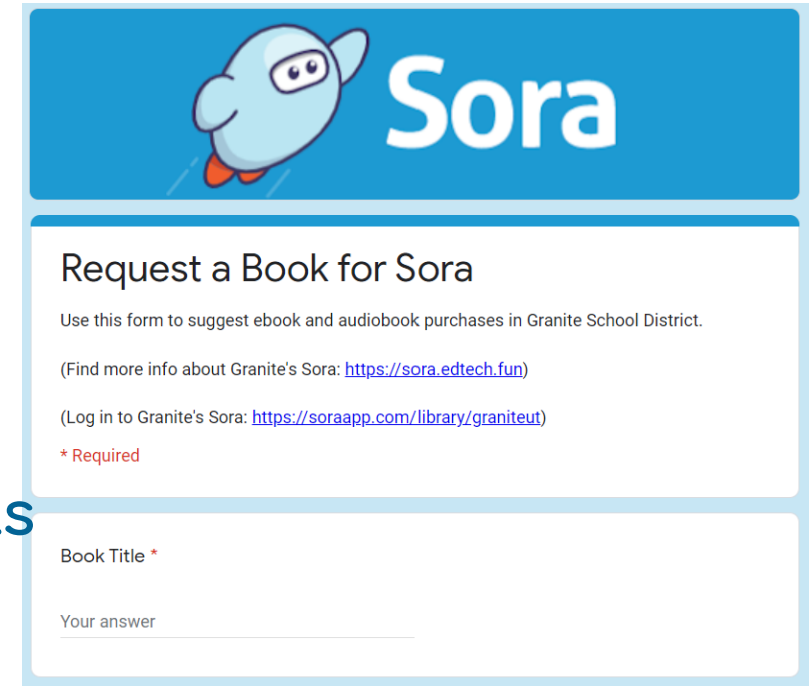

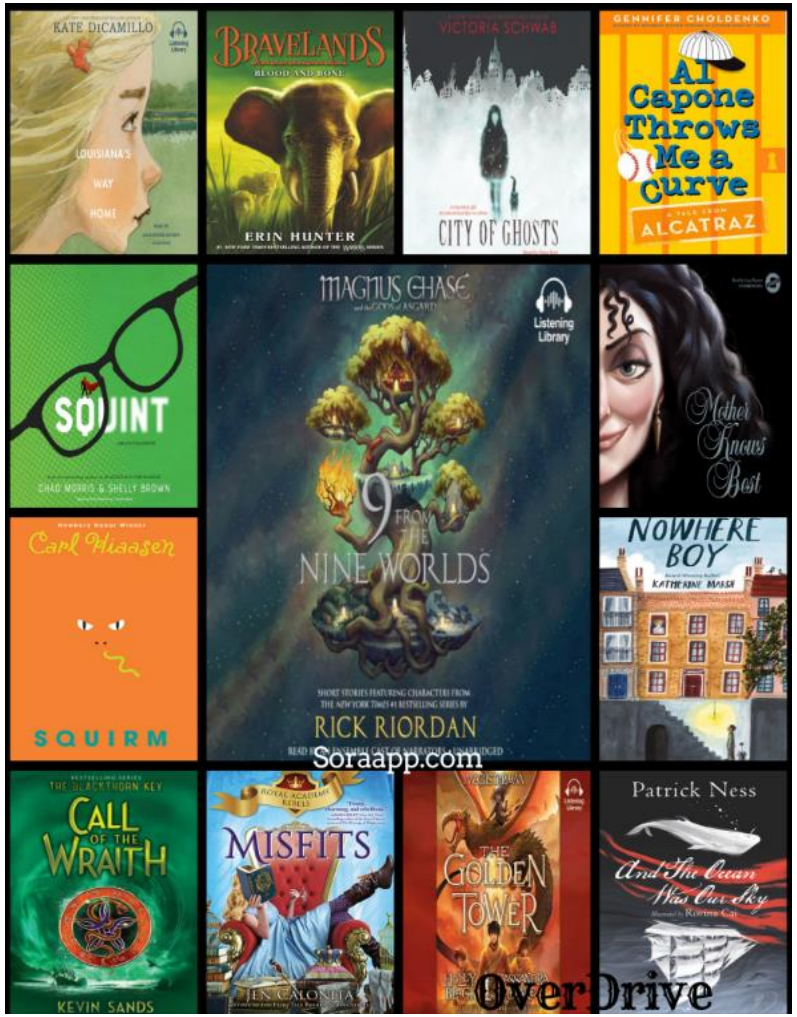

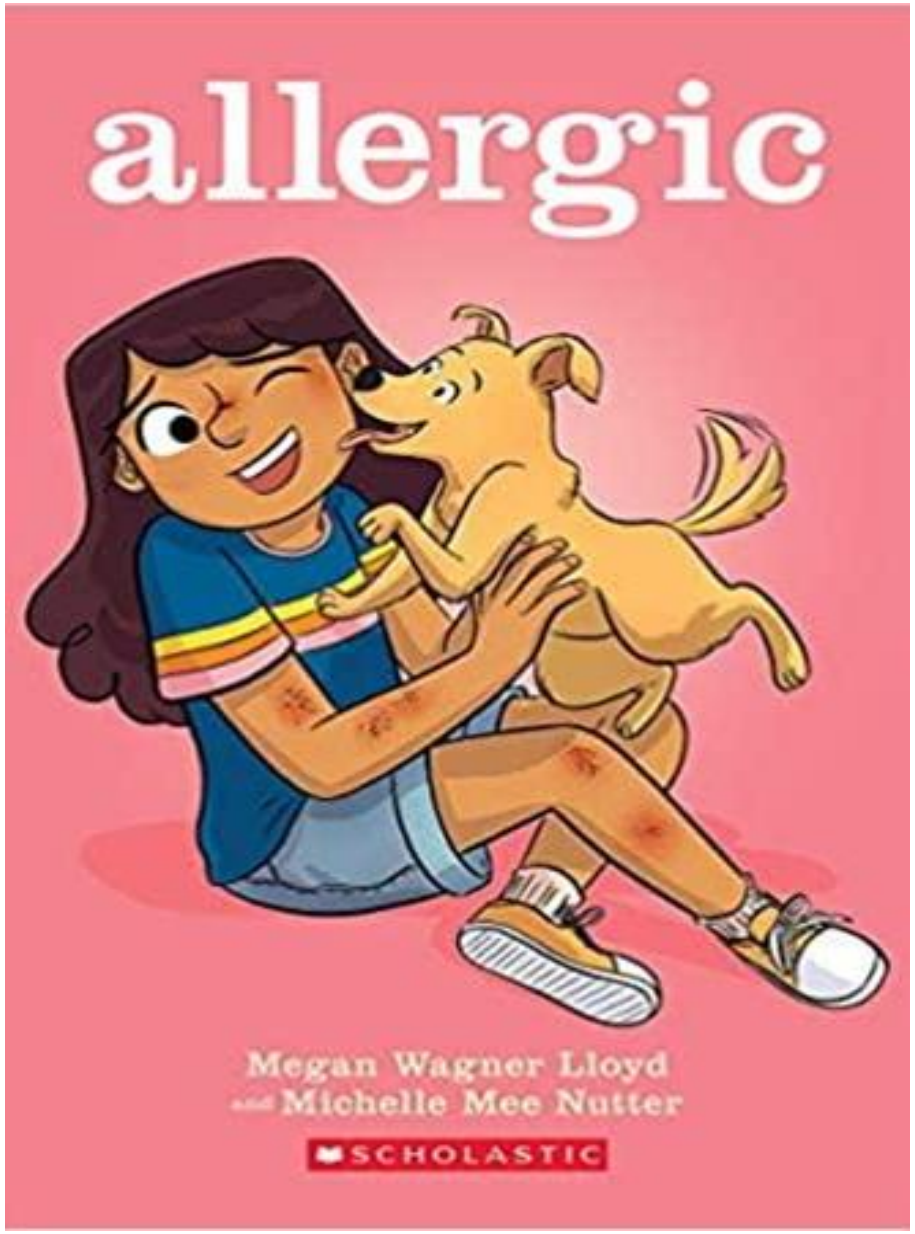

Allergic

By: Megan Wagner Lloyd

At home, Maggie is the odd one out. Her parents are preoccupied with getting ready for a new baby, and her younger brothers are twins and always in their own world. Maggie loves animals and thinks a new puppy to call her own is the answer, but when she goes to select one on her birthday, she breaks out in hives and rashes. She's severely allergic to anything with fur! Can Maggie outsmart her allergies and find the perfect pet?

Scan the QR Code to check out book on Sora.

Classroom Sora Strategies

- Substitute lesson plan with reading activities
- Differentiate reading choices for individual students
- Curate classroom reading titles that support curriculum or objectives
- Options for classroom novels

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Title	Creator(s)	Format type	Per Student Price	Lending Term
100 Cupboards (	N. D. Wilson	Ebook	$3.50	2 months
A Dog Called Hoı	Sarah Lean	Ebook	$1.17	3 months
A Wrinkle in Tim	Madeleine L'eng	Ebook	$5.50	3 months
A Wrinkle in Tim	Madeleine L'eng	Ebook	$4.50	3 months

Sora Classroom Novel spreadsheet

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Classroom Sora Strategies

- Build a lesson plan to support students while reading Sora book

DURING YOUR READING

- At the beginning of each new chapter, think about what happened in the last chapter and make a **prediction** about what will happen next. Highlight the title (or first word) of each chapter in **GREEN** and add a note. In the note, type the letter "*P*" and then describe what you think will happen next.

- Each time you find a word you don't know, use the **define** feature to learn what it means. Then, highlight the word in **YELLOW** and add a note. In the note, write a sentence using this new word.

- While you're reading, think about how the book makes you feel. Pick one sentence in each chapter that made you feel a certain **emotion**. Highlight the sentence in **PINK** and add a note. In the note, write the emotion you felt. (Add an emoji if you can!)

- At the end of each chapter, create a one-sentence **summary** about what happened in the chapter. Highlight the last word of the chapter in **GREEN** and a note. In the note, type the letter "*S*" and then type your summary to remember for later.

Example SORA activity while reading

School Wide Strategies

- Build Sora (reading) time into daily master schedule
- Be inclusive, reward classes instead of individuals
- Reading challenges

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Sora Reading Challenges

- Reading Bingo from SORA
- Be a Sora Reading Star

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Reading Challenges

- School level - by class
- District level - by school

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