

INTRODUCTION TO THE GRADES 4-8 READER

Ready to dive into the 4-8 VALUE Series? We are excited to share resources to support your efforts to help teachers as they align their evidence-based reading instruction in Grades 4-8. We have developed this with coaches and specialists in mind. In this introductory package we are providing just one option for each PLG step. For many of the remaining packages, we have differentiated the activities based on the typical needs of students in upper elementary (Grades 4 and 5) and the needs of students in middle school (Grades 6-8).



PLG Steps

Step 1 Prime the Team

- Share the *4-8 Introduction Video* (2 minutes)
- Share the *4-8 Infographic* and have team share one thought after looking at the infographic. (5 minutes)

Step 2 Anchor the Team

- Team Discussion (6 minutes)
 - What are the curricular demands in grades 4-8? How is access to grade level curriculum impacted when students experience reading difficulties?
 - What is a hurdle for you when using text during instruction?
- Listen to a segment of the podcast, *How to Motivate Middle Schoolers* -Episode 15 from 27:48 – 30:11 (3 minutes)
 - Read and discuss the *Podcast Discussion Topics*

Step 3 Build Shared Background Knowledge

- Watch *4-8 Introduction Webinar* with *Webinar Viewing Guide* (30 minutes)

Step 4 Group Discussion or Learning Activity

- Complete *Text Complexity Activity* (10 min)

Step 5 Application Exit Activity

- Share *Family News* (3 min)
- Complete the *Circle, Square, Triangle Reflection* activity and discuss. (5 min)

Step 6 Coach Connection

- Share the blog, *Keys to Literacy- Motivating and Engaging Adolescents to Read* (5 minutes)
- Provide opportunity for group discussion on each

Resources:

- [4-8 Introduction Infographic](#)
- [4-8 Introduction Video](#)
- [Amplify Podcast: How to Motivate Middle Schoolers](#)
- [Podcast Discussion Topics](#)
- [4-8 Introduction Webinar](#)
- [Webinar Viewing Guide](#)
- [Circle, Square, Triangle](#)
- [Family News](#)
- [Text Complexity Activity](#)
- [Blog: Keys to Literacy- Motivating and Engaging Adolescents to Read](#)