The Key Comprehension Routine

Content Literacy Instruction for Grades 4-12

Live Virtual Professional Development

This two-day professional development presents research-based instructional practices for teaching comprehension strategies in any content area. Participants learn how to teach a set of strategies that students can apply to support reading comprehension. When used across multiple grade levels, students benefit from a consistent approach to comprehension instruction as they move from grade to grade and subject to subject.

Virtual-Live Format: The Keys trainer will use Zoom video conferencing to deliver this training in an interactive format using features such as breakout rooms and chat.

Training Topics:

- **Critical thinking**: for close, analytic reading of both narrative and expository text
- **Main idea skills**: categorizing information and vocabulary, identifying main ideas at the paragraph level, and identifying central ideas in lengthier text
- **Text structure knowledge**: at the sentence, paragraph, and longer text levels
- **Top-down topic web**: a graphic organizer that represents the major topics of any content
- **Two-column notes**: a note taking format that supports active reading and listening
- **Summarizing**: students comprehend and synthesize the main ideas from any content
- **Generating questions**: students create and answer questions along a continuum of thinking using Bloom's Taxonomy based on content
- **I, We, You instruction:** strategies are taught explicitly through modeling and think aloud, guided practice is provided, and scaffolds are gradually released as students become independent users of the strategies
- **Cooperative learning**: students learn and practice comprehension strategies by working in cooperative pairs or small groups

Who Should Participate: Grades 4-12 educators who want to learn effective comprehension instruction practices for all students, including students who have difficulty with reading.

We recommend that pairs or teams of teachers from the same school participate in the training at the same time.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DATE: March 3-4, 2026   **COST:** $325

TIME   9:00AM - 3:30PM (Eastern Time)

TWO WAYS TO REGISTER…
Online: Complete the registration form and submit payment on our website: http://keystoliteracy.com/events/

Mail: Complete the registration form (next page) and submit with purchase order or check payment (payable to Keys to Literacy, LLC).

ADDRESS TO SHIP BOOK: Please note that we will be mailing the training books to participants at their home address, so **we need your home mailing address on the registration form**.

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Registration Form

(Each registrant must complete a registration form. Payment or P.O. must accompany form OR register online at http://keystoliteracy.com/events/.)

SECTION 1: PARTICIPANT information

NAME: _____ POSITION/TITLE: _____

SUBJECT: _____ GRADE: _____

DISTRICT/ORGANIZATION: _____ SCHOOL: _____

HOME MAILING ADDRESS to ship book: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____ MOST USED EMAIL: _____

SECTION 2: SESSION information

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QUESTIONS?
Contact Melissa Powers at
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melissa@keystoliteracy.com

REFUND/CANCELLATION POLICY
- If you cancel **3 days or more prior** to training, you will be issued a **50% refund.**
- **No refunds** will be issued for "no shows" or cancellations within 72 hours of training.
- Substitutions accepted.

SECTION 3: PAYMENT information

Please include completed registration form with payment.

☐ **check/money order enclosed**
(payable to **Keys to Literacy**)

☐ **purchase order #** _____
(if available)

Please mail to:
Keys to Literacy
319 Newburyport Turnpike, Suite 205
Rowley, MA 01969

To pay with a credit card, please register online:
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CONFIRMATION
Your registration will be confirmed by email. **PLEASE NOTE:** You are **not** registered unless you receive a confirmation email!