

Storytelling and Reading Aloud

Introduction: Why Round Robin Reading/Popcorn Reading sucks and why all y'all will solemnly swear never to use this in your classrooms!

Why Not?

Reading aloud in class can be a truly engaging way to introduce our students into reading, if we do it well. Storytelling and read-alouds (or their alternative, think-alouds) do that. They make reading a moment to talk, to savor, to think. What you do not want to do (and if you're doing that and reading this page, stop as of right now) is to the traditional turn-taking reading aloud activity we've all done at some point, you know what we call "round-robin reading" or "popcorn reading". Here are some links from school teachers as well as renowned literacy researchers such as Tim Shanahan, Melanie Kuhn, and Lindsey Moses making a strong argument again round-robin reading.

Some Links from the Interwebz¹ Proving the Point

- <https://www.edutopia.org/blog/alternatives-to-round-robin-reading-todd-finley>
- <https://www.literacyworldwide.org/blog/literacy-daily/2014/05/07/what%27s-really-wrong-with-round-robin-reading->
- <http://www.colorincolorado.org/article/5-reasons-not-use-round-robin-reading-ells>
- <https://medium.com/@heinemann/7-reasons-teachers-should-avoid-round-robin-reading-1c99b5cc264f>
- <http://www.xenia.k12.oh.us/userfiles/251/Sweeping%20round%20robin%20reading%20out%20of%20your%20classroom.pdf>
- <http://www.liketoread.com/Resources/Round%20Robin%20Alternatives.pdf>
- http://bpsassets.weebly.com/uploads/9/9/3/2/9932784/alternatives_to_round_robin_reading.pdf
- <https://www.readingrockets.org/blogs/shanahan-literacy/round-robin-reading-really-bad>

¹ All links are carefully curated by Dr. Mora, so they provide useful tips and research evidence.

- <https://www.middleweb.com/40023/a-call-to-action-end-a-creaky-practice-now/>
- <https://www.mrsjudyaraujo.com/alternatives-to-round-robin-reading/>
- <https://literacylearnerblog.wordpress.com/2018/01/19/no-more-round-robin-reading/>
- <https://wiseowlcathy.blogspot.com/2017/07/disrupting-effect-of-round-robin-COLLIER.html>
- <https://www.cultofpedagogy.com/edutips/edutip7/>

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Brief Conceptual Readings

- LSLP Micro-Paper 42: [Storytelling](#)
- LSLP Micro-Paper 41: [Critical Literacy Read-Alouds](#)

Webinars

- LSLP in Session 16 ([link](#))
- Storytelling vs. Story reading ([link](#))

Storytelling - Some Links from the Interwebz

- <https://www.edutopia.org/blog/storytelling-in-the-classroom-matters-matthew-friday>
- <https://www.storyarts.org/classroom/>
- <http://www.teachhub.com/storytelling-classroom-teaching-strategy>
- <https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/article/storytelling-benefits-tips>
- <https://teach.com/great-educational-resources-the-power-of-storytelling/>
- <https://www.facultyfocus.com/articles/effective-teaching-strategies/power-storytelling-college-classroom/>
- <http://www.opencolleges.edu.au/informed/features/30-storytelling-tips-for-educators/>
- <http://sites.nd.edu/kaneb/2015/10/05/incorporating-storytelling-in-the-classroom/>
- <http://blog.visme.co/visual-storytelling-classroom/>
- <http://blog.whooosreading.org/the-power-of-teaching-with-storytelling/>
- <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2013/jan/06/storytelling-back-in-fashion>
- <https://booklearned.wordpress.com/2013/05/20/the-art-of-reading-aloud-storytelling-to-yourself/>

- <http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/printouts/goodstorytellingR.pdf>
- <http://lovealibrarian.blogspot.com.co/2012/12/reading-aloud-and-storytelling.html>
- <https://bridge.edu/tefl/blog/storytelling-for-young-learners-in-esl-classroom/>
- <https://www.english.com/blog/art-of-storytelling-with-anna-hasper/>

Reading Aloud - Some Links from the Interwebz

- <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-aloud-build-comprehension>
- http://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/curr213.shtml
- <https://teach.its.uiowa.edu/reading-aloud-classroom>
- <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/collections/teaching-content/reading-aloud-every-classroom/>
- <https://www.teachervision.com/reading-aloud/reading-aloud>
- <http://www.readinghorizons.com/blog/post/2012/05/04/importance-of-reading-aloud-to-students-of-all-grades-and-levels>
- <http://carriewillard.com/how-not-to-suck-at-read-aloud/>
- <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-aloud-build-comprehension>
- <http://www.betterreading.com.au/kids-ya/truly-great-reading-aloud-and-storytelling/>
- <https://iei.nd.edu/initiatives/notre-dame-center-for-literacy-education/news/the-power-of-read-alouds-how-to-perform>
- <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/eef-blog-reading-aloud-with-your-class-what-does-the-research-say>
- <https://www.edutopia.org/article/reading-aloud-together-across-grade-levels>
- <https://www.scilearn.com/little-known-truths-about-reading-aloud/>
- <https://www.carnegielearning.com/blog/5-benefits-reading-aloud/>