

40-Minute Student Independent Work Routine

You can easily provide your students 40 minutes of effective, engaging reading comprehension work at home with ReadWorks' free resources. You can also differentiate each step to create individual routines to support each of your learners—K-12, ELL, & SPED.

Here are the three easy steps of the student independent work routine:

1. [Article-A-Day](#)

- **10 minutes** of background knowledge and vocabulary building
- Student work you can see digitally: Articles they read; their Book of Knowledge entries
- Ideas to help you decide what to assign:
 - Topics tied to the time of year (see ideas in our [Topical Scope and Sequence](#))
 - Topics tied to science and/or history studies
 - Topics tied to student interests

2. [Passage and question set](#)

- **15 minutes** of effective, engaged reading practice
- Student work you can see digitally: Answers to multiple choice & short answer questions
- Ideas to help you decide what to assign:
 - Topics tied to ELA, science, and/or history studies
 - Topics tied to student interests (consider more challenging articles for these!)
 - Passages tied to CCSS (alignment is noted on teacher view of passage)

3. Independent reading in the [Student Library](#)

- **10-15 minutes** of background knowledge and vocabulary building with independent reading
- Student work you can see digitally: Passages they read; their reading log entries