

ENHANCING (TOGETHER) THE READING EXPERIENCE.

Five ideas for school reading groups.

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At the beginning, **when reading groups are formed, aggregate girls and boys of different classes and ages starting from common interests** (for example sport, cinema, music, comics...). With the help of the most willing students, prepare large boards where everyone can sign up by writing their name.

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Encourage students to propose titles, starting from books they have already read or from specific themes that have intrigued them. Prepare lists of possible titles, reporting in a few words the most interesting aspects of each book, with links to video and audio recordings.

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Assign the coordination of the groups to the students, supporting them with subtle suggestions and helping them to involve even the most timid and reluctant ones without forcing them.

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During the conversations of the reading groups, **you should accept contributions from everyone, even from those who might seem prickly.** Even those who haven't read a book may have something to say and be more willing the next time.

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At the end of the group, **help students to identify the highlights of the conversation and to prepare written, visual, audio and video tracks of what has been said.** These materials can be shared through social media and made available to groups in other schools. It could be the first step for meetings and exchanges of experiences between reading groups in different cities (or countries).