

ALABAMA
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Makes Sense Strategies Toolkit

**BIG-BANG Graphic Organizer
Instructional Routines & Tactics**

Big Ideas about GO instruction
 Top 4 **BEFORE** lesson routines
 Top 5 **READING** routines
 Top 4 **WRITING** routines
 Top 4 **AFTER** lesson routines

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DURING heart of the lesson...

Top 6 In-class GO Reading Activities

1 Guided Text-to-GO note taking

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 Facilitates discussion – “pulls” key ideas from students
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VERY IMPORTANT!

Scaffolding gradual release

Initially, teacher models the reading → thinking → noting process via think-alouds

Later, guides student thinking as ideas are formulated and noted on GO

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 Teams read same text looking for info pertinent to their prompt
 As info shared by team, teacher guides note taking

For example....

| Character Features (sophisticated) | Team 1 | Team 2 | Team 3 |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Appearance | | | |
| Personality | | | |
| Relationships | | | |
| Transformation | | | |
| Role in the story | | | |

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4 Read → Pair → Share → GO Notes
 Pairs read same short passage, discuss, and collaborate to take notes on GO
 Repeat for subsequent passages

5 Give one, take one GOs
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...if you haven't done this first!

Don't use these routines ...