

Developed Specifically for the

TEKS



GUIDED INSTRUCTION→ COLLABORATIVE →INDEPENDENT



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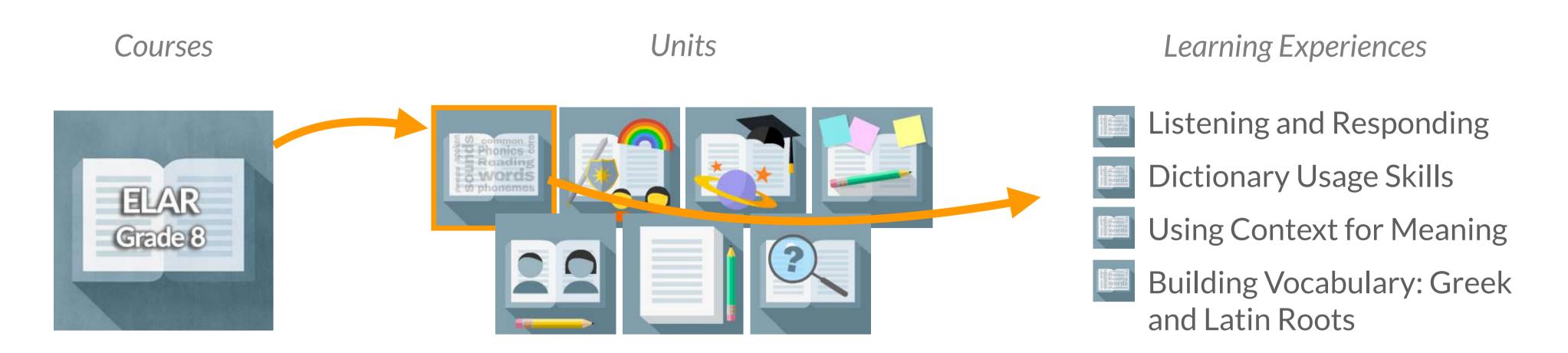
Inquiry & Research

Reading Writing Listening Speaking

Powerful Core E.L.A.R. for Grades 4-8

Teaching English Language Arts and Reading in the device-enabled classroom has never been more engaging and impactful. Our TEKS-aligned learning experiences (digital lessons) help students develop essential skills through active learning.

Each full-year course is organized into units. Each unit contains a series of teacher-guided 5E Model learning experiences that take 1-2 class periods to teach.



Full-year courses contain units of classroom learning experiences. Each experience is a teacher-guided 5E-model lesson that has distinct digital interfaces for teachers and for students

Each Course Contains 7 Units



Foundational Skills

Students learn basic classroom language skills, such as following instructions, using a dictionary, and building vocabulary.



Personal Narrative

Students read, write, and present personal narratives, practicing skills they have learned in other units.



Literary Genres

Students learn about literary elements, such as plot and characters, across a number of literary genres. They also do some creative writing.



The Writing Process

Students focus on the different steps of the writing process.



Non-fiction Texts

Students learn reading comprehension skills, such as finding the main idea and summarizing text, and apply these skills to informational and argumentative texts. They also develop their writing and speaking skills.



Inquiry & Research

Students learn research skills, such as finding information and evaluating sources.



Author's Craft

Students examine how authors use language by examining purpose, figurative language, voice, and more.

Google for Education

Technology and Cloud Partner. Exploros E.L.A.R. is integrated with Google Classroom, Google Drive, and Google Docs.

Compliment Your Existing ELAR Program

Exploros ELAR can be used as a stand-alone program or as a seamless compliment to many ELAR instructional approaches. Teachers benefit from ready-to-teach learning experiences with the flexibility to adapt to specific classroom and student needs.



Each Exploros ELAR learning experience is a combination of activities that immerse students in guided, collaborative, and individual activities to develop essential skills.



Guided, Collaborative, and Independent Work

Each learning experience is a self-contained, TEKSaligned lesson that includes guided, collaborative and independent work. Students develop critical skills through combinations of teacher-guided mini-lessons, small group work, and various reading, writing, listening, and speaking activities. Learning experiences range in length from one class period to a full week.

The content delivery experiences (e.g., Analyzing Character, Figurative Language, etc.) use short excerpts or longer passages for teaching the concepts. Then, each student applies the concept to a self-selected text or to a short writing exercise.



Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking, and Critical Thinking

Each experience engages students in reading (assigned and self-selected texts, and the experience text itself); writing (from text responses to essays to genre/craft-based exercises, often reflective writing); listening and speaking (class and small group discussion); and thinking (formative assessment and discussions throughout).



Four Main Types of Learning Experiences

- 1. Content delivery (genres, craft concepts, etc.), generally with reading passages
- 2. Writing projects, e.g., writing an informational text
- 3. Presentations, e.g., a debate or oral presentation
- 4. Skills practice (using a dictionary, following directions, etc.)



TEKS-Based with STAAR Preparation

All student interactions are mapped against the TEKS for real-time progress monitoring. Most learning experiences end with 3-5 STAAR-like questions correlated to TEKS.



Language Supports - Translation, Read-Aloud

Student collaboration within Exploros offers builtin peer-to-peer language support, but all texts can be read-aloud or translated using browser-based extensions.

A Closer Look at a Course

Each course is a complete English Language Arts and Reading program with emphasis on reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. The course simplifies the transition to student-centered learning – students use social media skills to actively engage, and teachers guide the learning with real-time insights.

Each course contains seven units, which contain 45 learning experiences in total. The entire program is mapped to the TEKS at a breakout level. Make your own class playlist!





All Students Have a Voice Using Social Media Skills

With the Exploros E.L.A.R. Program, every student is an active learner, participating during class using social media skills. Students share graphic organizers, drawings, short essays, and many other forms of responses. This student voice increases each student's engagement and is foundational in lifelong social-emotional skills.

Teachers see student posts in realtime and can use this input to guide classroom dialogue and pace the learning experience. The Exploros platform automatically measures each student's TEKS learning progress, for more personalized instruction.







Now try being an active reader while you read "The Crow and the Pitcher," one of Aesop's fables. First, preview the text and **make a prediction** what the story is about.



Buddy Carsen 09/18/2018

A crow struggles to get water out of a pitcher.

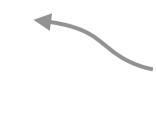


Mila Sanchez 09/18/2018
The thirsty crow searches for a solution.



Justin Gleason 09/18/2018

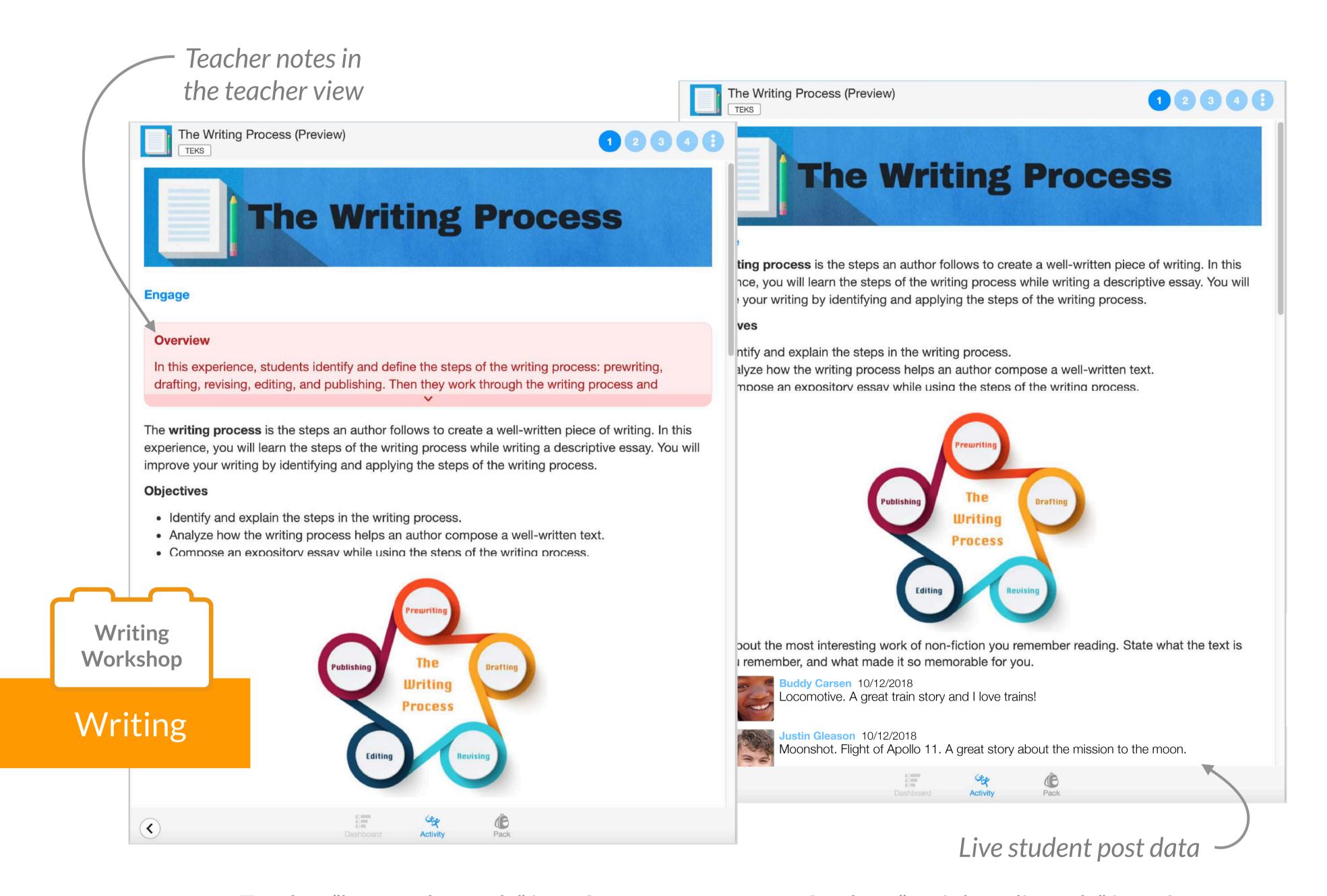
Determination pays off!



Students research, analyze, and in this example, make predictions. Peer interaction increases interest and sets the stage for learning.

Student Engagement Drives Achievement

Teachers guide the learning using a digital lesson plan style interface. But the interface enables student collaboration and live student data, reading, writing, and videos according to lesson pacing. Students draw on their existing knowledge and skills to construct new ideas. They read, collaborate, make graphic organizers, write, and complete assessments.



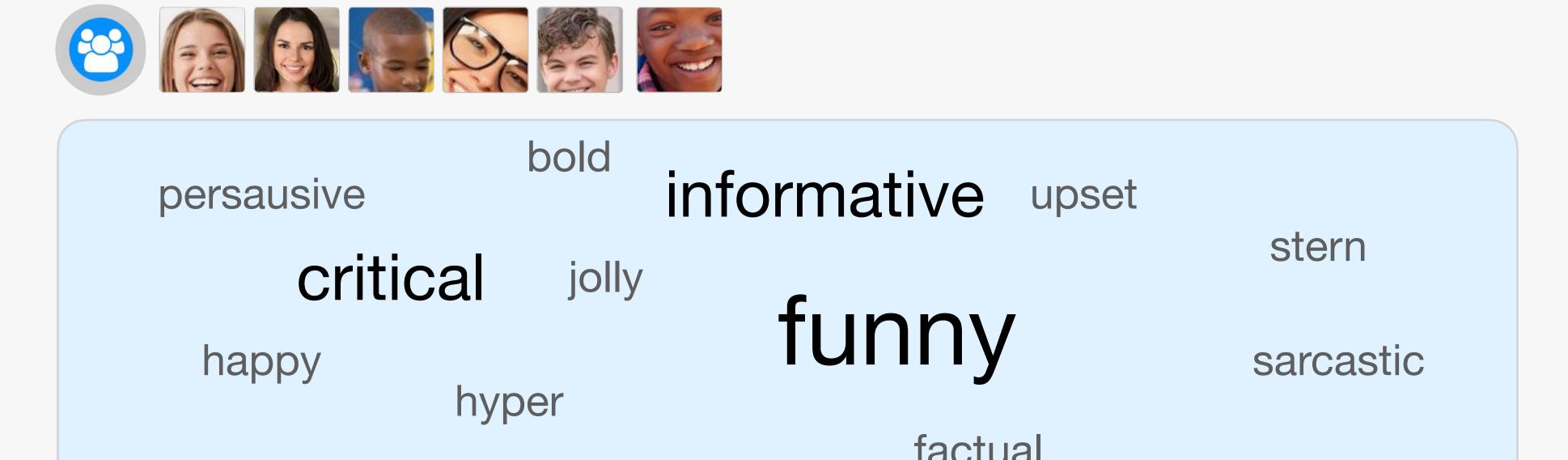
Teacher "lesson plan style" interface

Student "social media style" interface

Peer Interaction and "Pay to Play"

Students cannot see peer posts until they contribute their own—driving 100% engagement in the learning experience and bringing the content to life.

What is a tone that an author can use?



Enriched Classroom Dialogue

In many classrooms, there is not enough time for all students to actively contribute. But with Exploros, all students participate as many as 17 times each class period using social media skills. Teachers then use this information to personalize classroom and student discussions.

Small Group Work

Speaking

Use the chart below to plan your speech. Be sure you and your team members decide who is responsible for each of your team's reasons and evidence. You do not want to include the same reasons as your partners.











Claim (what you are arguing)

School should start later in the day for middle school students

Students work in small groups and share concepts with their teacher prior to public speaking.

Reason #1 & evidence

We need sleep! Studies show that teens need 8-9 hours of sleep per night, but it's hard to get to bed early!

Reason #2 & evidence

To do well in school, we need to be alert. Studies show that teens are more alert after 9 o'clock.

Concluding statement

Science is on our side. Let's figure out a way to move to a later start time so that we can do better in school!

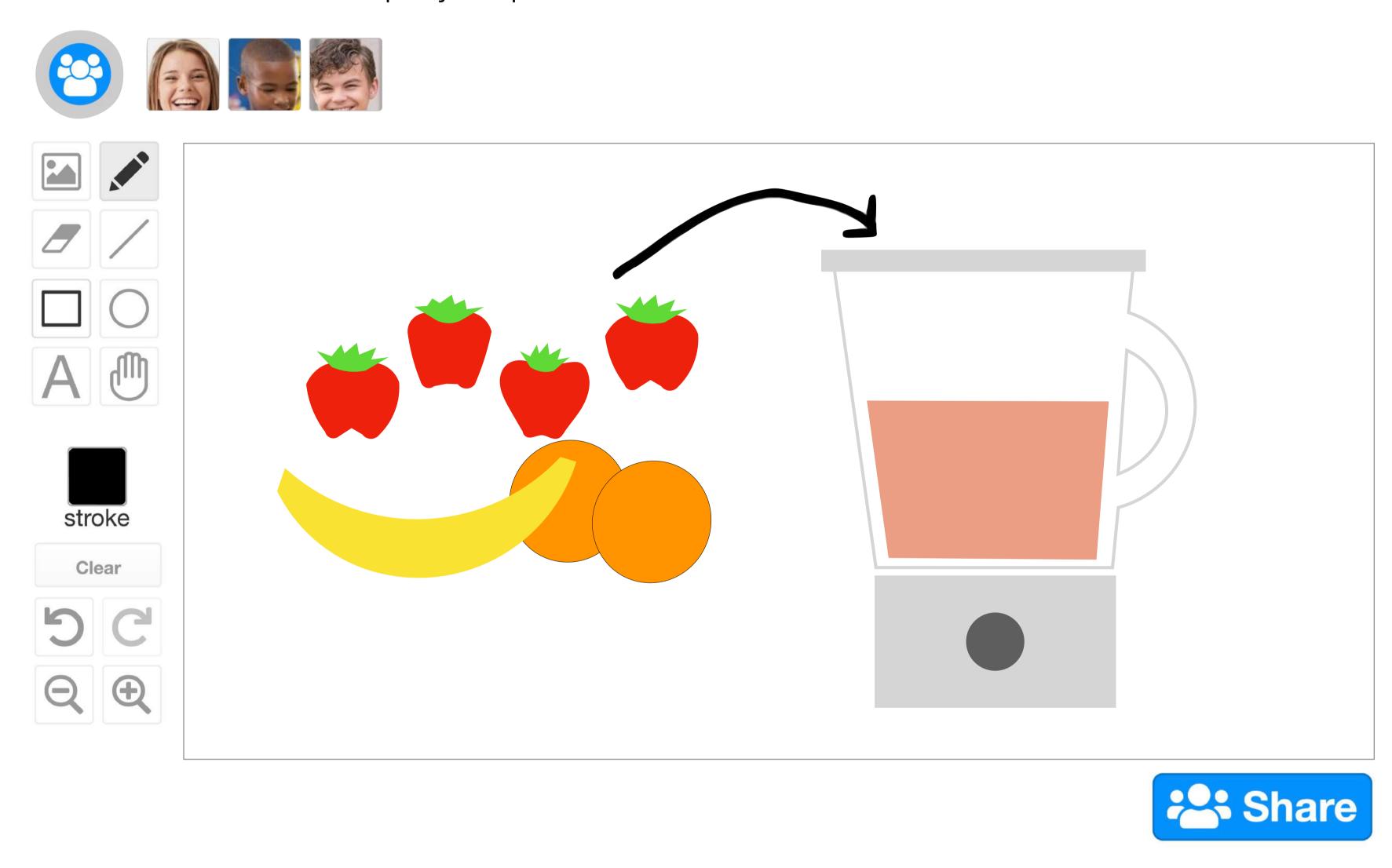


A Personalized Learning Experience

With Exploros, students bring their strengths to each learning experience and learn from their peers using their native language – social media. With multiple modes of representation and various opportunities for students to write, draw, outline, and organize, learners of all learning styles can excel.



Follow the teacher's step-by-step instructions and draw what is described.



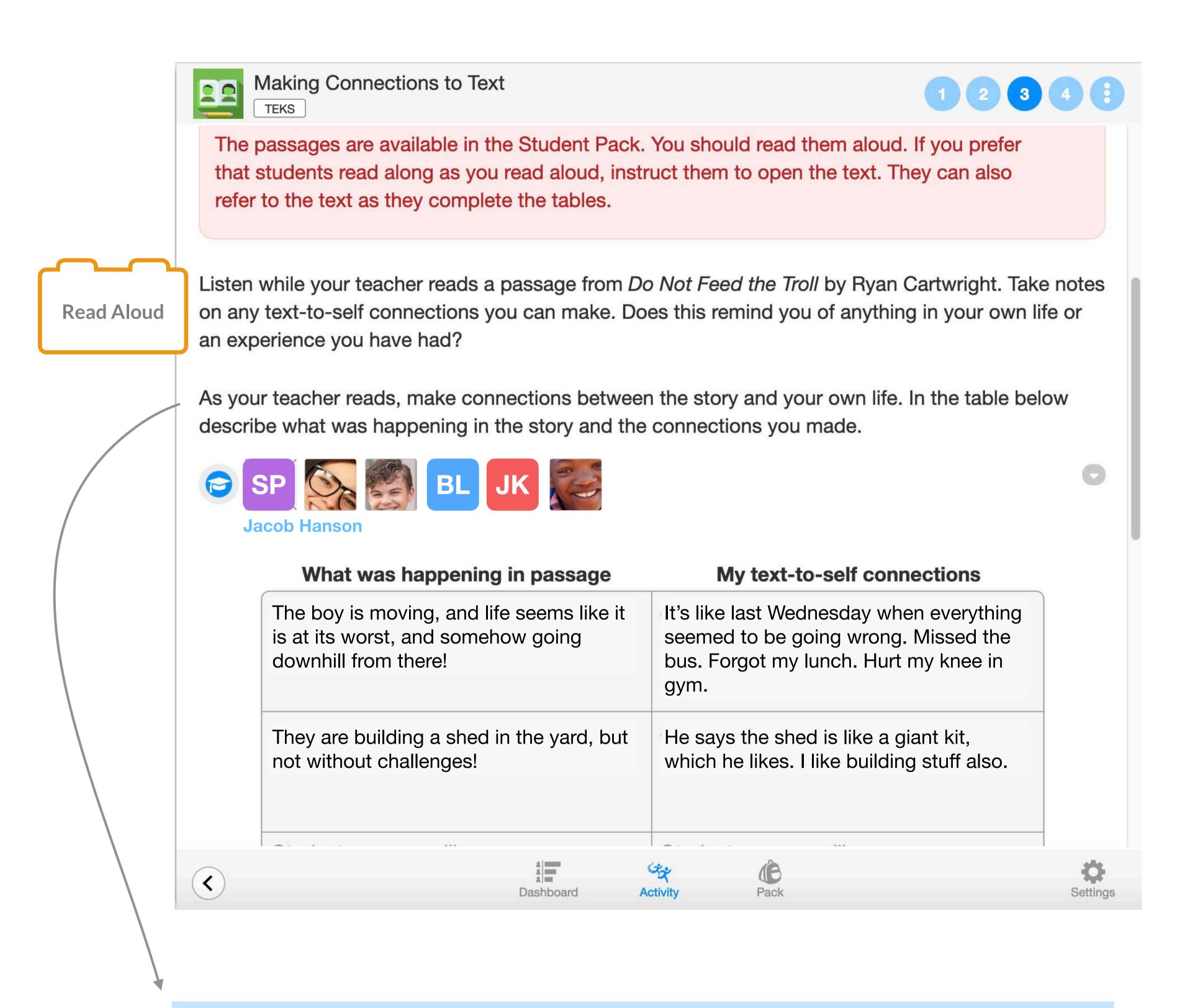
Students are guided through the listening process before trying out exercises in small groups. Different listening activities suit various learning styles.

"I am very happy with Exploros as a way to integrate curriculum across the building. The tools for collaboration and brainstorming are also very strong for classroom use."

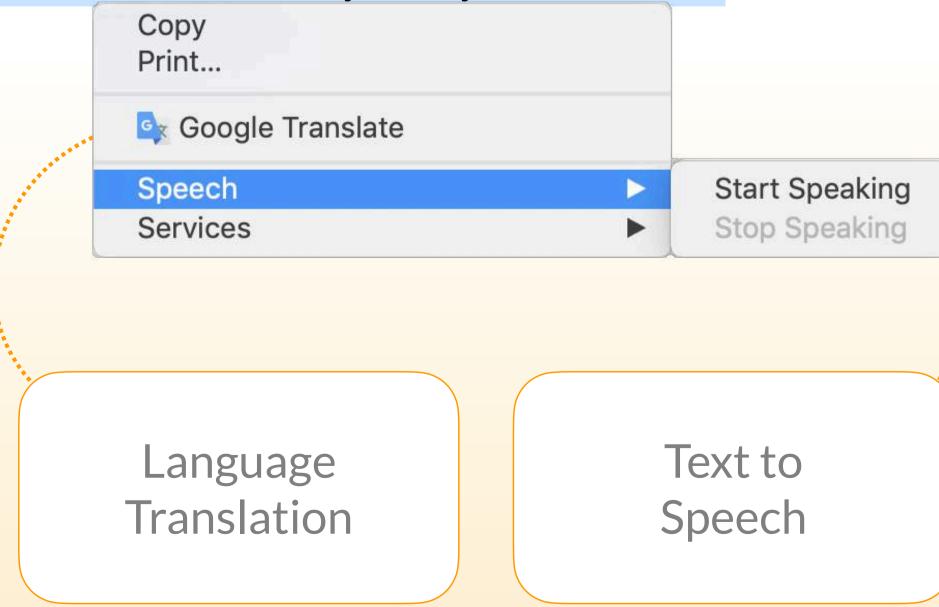
- John Garlic, Principal, Beatriz G. Garza Middle School

Easy Access ELL Supports

Each learning experience is mapped to the English Language Proficiency Skills (ELPS). Additionally, Exploros also has numerous features to assist learners, from differentiated reading passages and student-facing feedback to language translation and text-to-speech.



As your teacher reads, make connections between the story and your own life.



ELPS Mapping

Student Feedback

Classroom Analytics for Instructional Improvement

While students actively engage in classroom learning, Exploros automatically measures which learning standards each student is learning, and how each student, class, campus, and the entire district is progressing – unparalleled insights for instructional improvement.

"Exploros has given our principals a new window into what's going on in every classroom."

Sue Peterson, Asst. Superintendent for C&I, Weslaco ISD



Students



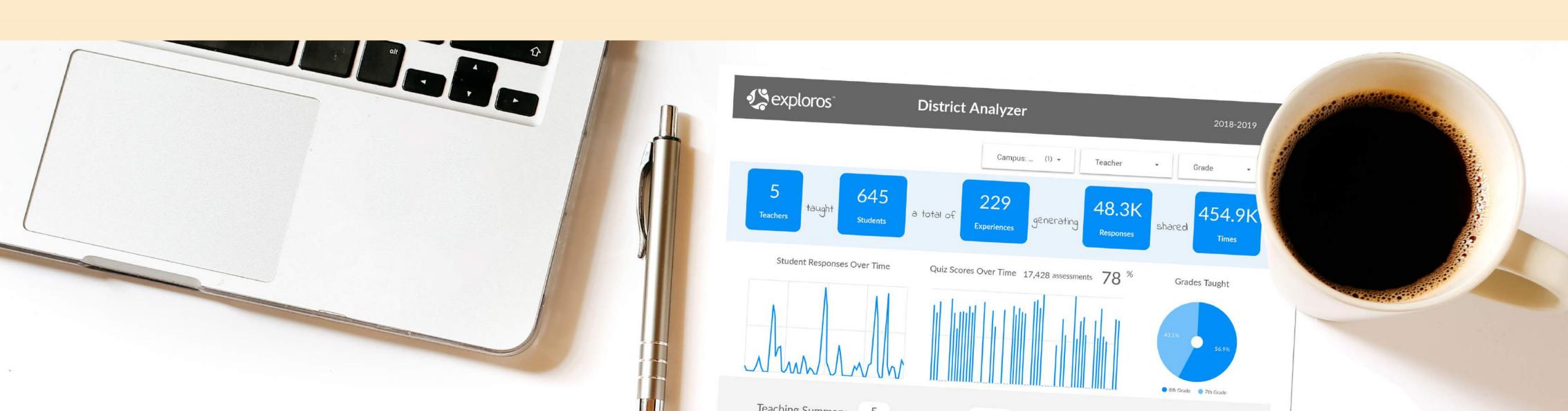
Teachers



Administrators

- Increased engagement
- Automatic digital learning portfolios
- Curriculum and learning standard progress mapping

- Realtime classroom insights
- Automatic "grade book" style reports
- Curriculum and learning standard progress by class and student
- Realtime window into scope and sequence progress by class, campus, and district
- Curriculum and learning standard progress reporting by class, campus, and district





Data-Driven Instruction, Simplified

Exploros gives teachers feedback quickly, so they can correct misconceptions or reteach on the spot. Students are motivated by instant opportunity to compare their responses and progress with peers, while Exploros automatically constructs TEKS-based progress portfolios.

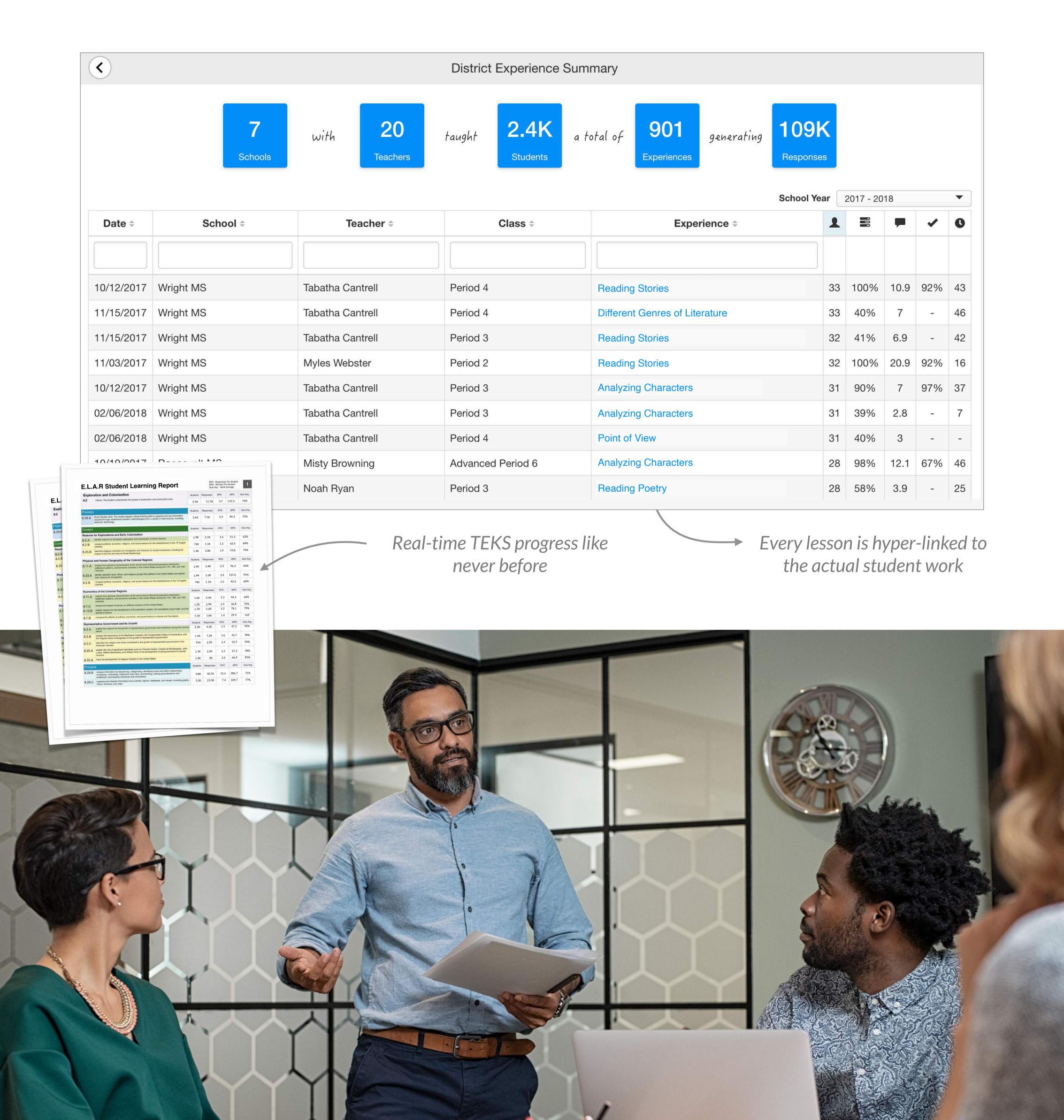
"Exploros data helps teachers monitor progress and time on task in a way that was previously impossible."

- Cindy Nick, Teacher and Department Chair, Bullard ISD



Everything Taught in a Class, School, or District at Your Fingertips

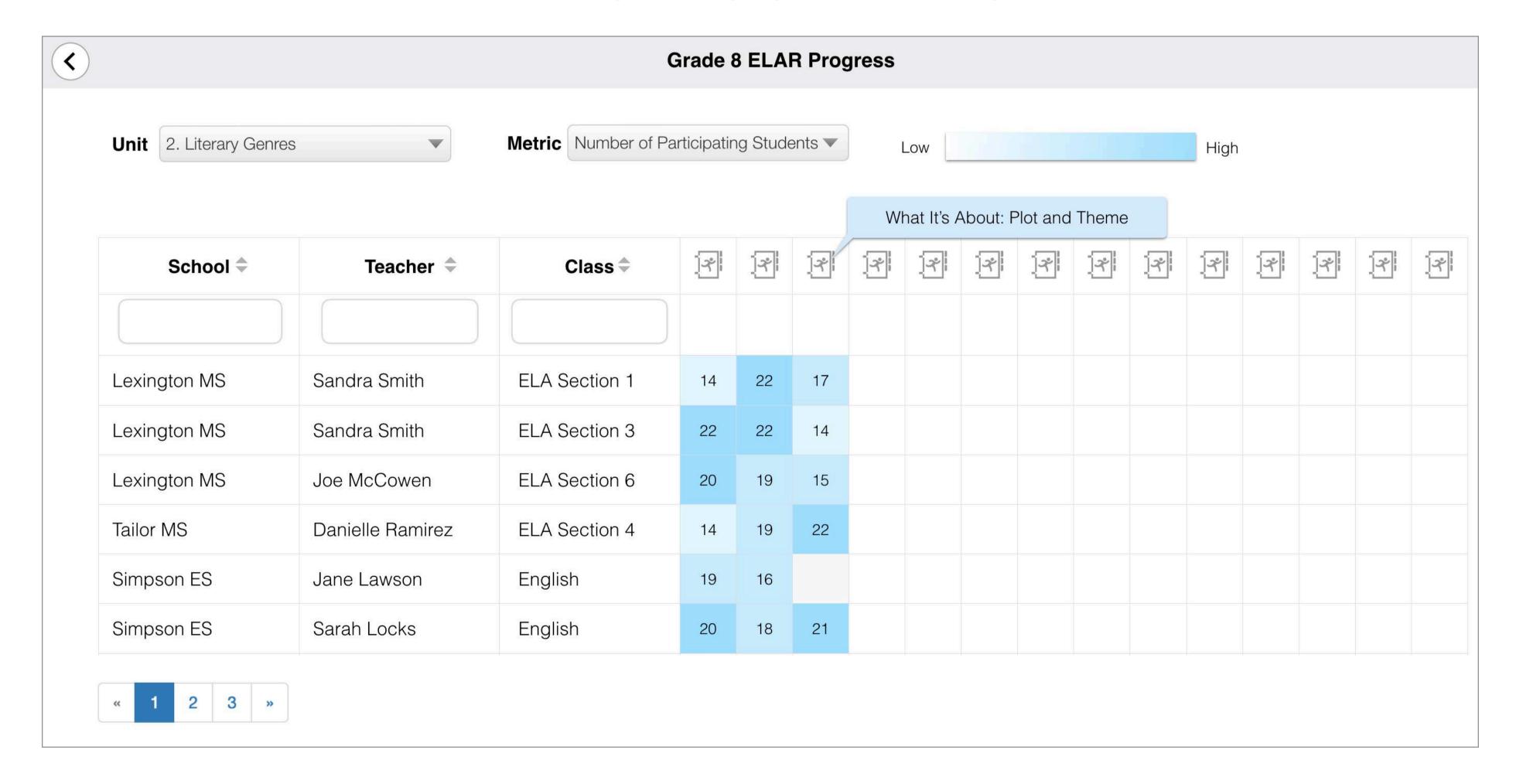
With the Experience Summary Report, administrators and teachers gain access to metrics for every experience taught, and have a link to each. Metrics include number of participating students, responses per student, quiz scores, time on task, and more.





Curriculum and Learning Standards ProgressGathered Automatically

Teachers see running progress for each student – like an automatic grade book with links to all student work. Administrators see at a glance where each class stands in a given course, or how each class is progressing against learning standards.



"Exploros offers common conversation and focus to PLCs and grade level teams. Instead of focusing on the what, they can focus on the how."

- Jennifer Smith, Secondary Social Studies Coordinator, Round Rock ISD



Get Started with the Exploros English Language Arts and Reading Program

Exploros supports the social learning environment of the classroom. Teachers guide the learning, and students actively engage in foundational skills development in reading, writing, listening, speaking, and critical thinking.

Find out for yourself how transformative the Exploros program can be for your students. Request a 30-Day Trial for your district or campus today.





To learn more, contact your representative or visit our website.

