



### Course Description

The goal of “Building Strong Readers” is to show you how you can use the *Paths to College and Career* curriculum to help your students build powerful reading skills. To do this, you will explore three ways the *Paths* curriculum helps you develop strong readers.

After completing “Building Strong Readers,” you will be able to explain how *Paths* uses text quality to help build strong readers; describe how the Accountable Independent Reading structure in *Paths* helps students acquire a volume of reading; and identify three structures in the curriculum that support students in developing close reading skills.

### Course Outline

#### Welcome and Introduction

- Course Overview
- *Paths to College and Career: Built on Complex Text\**
- *Paths'* Approach to Reading

#### Quality of Reading

- Quality of Reading in *Paths*
- What Constitutes High Quality Complex Text?
  - Analyzing Text Quality and Complexity\*
  - Did You Notice?
- What Does this Mean for the Classroom?
- Tips for Implementation

#### Quantity of Reading

- Quantity of Reading in *Paths*
- Accountable Independent Reading at a Glance
- What Might this Look Like in a Classroom?
- Tips for Implementation

## Structures that Support Analysis

- *Paths'* Structures that Support Analysis
- Pacing
- Annotation
- Text-Dependent Questions
- Tips for Implementation

## Reflection and Closing

- Lesson Plans Help Build Strong Readers
- Course Assessment
- Course Completion Certificate\*