

# THE READER'S ROOM

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## Top Ten Reasons to be Happy You're in a Reading Class

Not everyone is thrilled to find themselves in a reading class, but hold on. It's not as bad as you might think. Here's a list of the top ten reasons you should be glad to be here.

10. You have easy access to the restroom.
9. You can read a book with others in a group.
8. You get extra time to work on your AR goal.
7. Your teacher has a good library and can recommend some awesome books.
6. Everyone else in this class is working on their reading skills, too.
5. You will be able to use computers in class.



*Reading grows on you.*

4. You don't have homework.
3. You will learn things that will help you in your other classes.
2. You will impress your family and friends with your new vocabulary skills.
1. You will impress yourself with the improvements in your reading.

## What Do We Do in Reading Class? We Read, We Write, and We Think!

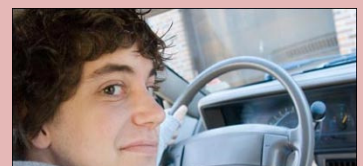
Reading is a complex activity that includes many distinct skills that all have to work together so that the reader can make sense of what has been read. Reading and driving are a lot alike in that way. When you drive, you have lots of distinct skills that you must make work together to get you safely from one place to another. Driving and reading are both a little tricky to learn. Both tasks are difficult. Both tasks require a fair amount of thinking. The good news is that both reading and driving get better with training and practice. Since you can't imagine yourself not driving, quit imagining yourself not reading!

In this class we will be examining all the parts of the reading process that you have to have to make you a skilled reader. As you learn about the parts, you will realize the parts you have already mastered, and you will discover the parts that you still need to work on.

By looking at the process this way, the mystery is taken out of reading. You will be able to take control of your reading training and skill practice. You'll be in the driver's seat, so to speak. With this new found knowledge and skills, coupled with plenty of practice, you will improve your reading ability in a variety of reading tasks.



You **will** become an expert reader just like you **will** become an expert driver.



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