



How One Teacher Achieved the Top Scores in the County Two Years In a Row



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The Challenge



Kristina Hiatt teaches high school English in an early college program where students earn both a diploma and an associate's degree. She needed an adaptive, user-friendly program to provide differentiated reading materials for students at various levels and help them succeed on standardized assessments. The ideal tool would offer test prep and data tracking to bring students to a similar grade-appropriate level.

The Solution

Kristina has integrated ReadTheory into her curriculum consistently since discovering it through a Google search years ago. She employs ReadTheory twice weekly to boost students' fluency and comprehension. **Students manage their Google Data Sheets independently, tracking pretest scores, program averages, and completed passages to enhance accountability and motivation.** Kristina facilitates student discussions on ReadTheory activities, passage analysis, and error understanding, emphasizing critical reflection and correct answer analysis. She utilizes leveled worksheets from the site for targeted small group instruction, emphasizing key reading strategies.

Student Data Sheet 2023 – 2024

Predicted Exam Score	Goal Exam Score			NC Check In 1	NC Check In 2
3	3			16/24 66.7	95.5 21/22
ReadTheory Pretest Average	ReadTheory Goal				
5G / 800L	8				
Read Theory Checks	Program Average	# of Passages ###	IXL Checks	Overall Language Arts Lev	Overall Reading Level
Check 1 - September	6G / 856L	9/11	Check 1 - Septembe	670-700	500
Check 2 - October	6.25G / 865L	14/20	Check 2 - October	710	480
Check 3 - November	6.61G / 887L	22/28	Check 3 - November	740-800	630
Check 4 - December			Check 4 - December		
Check 5 - January	7.58 / 965L	28/36	Check 5 - January	950-1020	940
Check 6 - February	7.85 / 983L	30/39	Check 6 - February	990-1060	980
Check 7 - March	8.44G / 1035L	38/50	Check 7 - March	1020-1120	1030
Check 8 - April	8.68G/1056L	48/66	Check 8 - April	1150-1230	1120-1190
Check 9 - May	8.76G/1059L	55/76	Check 9 - May		

Image: Screenshot of the Data Sheet

The Impact

Kristina finds ReadTheory's questions are aligned to North Carolina's End-of-Course (EOC) state exam in both format and cognitive demand, noting, **"If you can answer ReadTheory questions, you can answer your exam questions."** Over five years, ReadTheory has aided her early college students in improving skills and securing university acceptance.

"When students ask how to study for the state exam, I remind them that we've been preparing for it all year long with ReadTheory. We've got it taken care of."

One student from Columbia made significant strides in reading proficiency using ReadTheory, starting from a 1st-grade level despite challenges with English. Guiding him through passages, Kristina helped him grasp unfamiliar vocabulary, culminating in passing the state exam by year-end.

Addressing language barriers, limited vocabulary, and fundamental grammar issues with ReadTheory, Kristina emphasizes both foundational drills and engaging content, fostering strong student relationships. **Her students consistently achieved the highest county scores in English II EOC assessments over the past two years thanks to consistent practice on ReadTheory.**