Connected Conversations

GOODREADS

read　discuss　write　create

1. Sign up Create a free account at goodreads.com.

2. Create Bookshelves Add books you've read, are currently reading, and plan to read. Use tags to assign books to different categories/shelves.

3. Connect Rate books, add comments, write reviews/responses, join group discussions, explore reading lists.

Excite Students about Books
Getting students excited about reading is no easy task. Online social libraries (like goodreads) empower teachers with 21st century tools to connect students to conversations about books, authors, current issues and ideas.

Engage in Deep Discussions
Students love to talk. Giving students opportunities to engage in meaningful discussions helps students grow as readers, thinkers, writers, and communicators. Encourage students to share personal connections to a text, make connections to other texts they've read, relate a text to current issues or events, evaluate a text, ask questions about the text, comment on an author's style.

Connect Readers
Students love to socialize. Create groups, private or public, to connect students to focused discussions. Create a group for a whole school, a particular class, a literature circle, a topical study, an author study, a genre study.

Write, Rate, Create
Students love being in control. Goodreads puts them in the driver's seat. Show students how to create their own digital reading log. They can rate books, tag books to categorize (by genre, by author, by grading period). Have students write a review or their response to a book and read and comment on their peers' reviews. Encourage students to select favorite passages, add as *quotes,* and discuss. Use the *trivia* section to have students generate quiz questions to test their comprehension or just have fun.

Facilitate and Manage Students
Students need explicit instruction in reading strategies and modeling of discussions and responses to texts. Goodreads has tons of model discussions, reviews, quizzes, or teachers can create their own. For more practical tips on managing goodreads in the classroom, including assessment ideas and safety tips and guidelines, visit **http://lisahuff.pbwiki.com/goodreads.**