

40-Minute Student Independent Work Routine

You can easily provide your students 40 minutes of effective, engaging reading comprehension work at home with ReadWorks' free resources. You can also differentiate each step to create individual routines to support each of your learners—K-12, ELL, and special education.

Here are the three easy steps of the student independent work routine:

1. [Article-A-Day](#)

- **10 minutes** of building background knowledge and vocabulary
- Student work you can see digitally: Articles they read and their Book of Knowledge entries
- Ideas to help you decide what to assign:
 - Topics tied to the time of year (see ideas in our [Topical Scope and Sequence](#))
 - Topics tied to science and/or history studies
 - Topics tied to student interests

2. [Reading passage and question set](#)

- **15 minutes** of effective, engaged reading practice
- Student work you can see digitally: Answers to multiple choice and short answer questions
- Ideas to help you decide what to assign:
 - Topics tied to ELA, science, and/or history studies
 - Topics tied to student interests (consider more challenging articles for these!)
 - Passages tied to CCSS (alignment is noted on teacher view of the passage)

3. Independent reading in the [student library](#)

- **10-15 minutes** of building background knowledge and vocabulary with independent reading
- Student work you can see digitally: Passages they read and their reading log entries

40-Minute Student Independent Work Routine: Monthly Planner

The Routine: 10 minutes for Article-A-Day, 15 minutes for a passage and question set, and 15 minutes of reading in the student library

Week #1	Article-A-Day Set for the Week	Daily Passage and Question Set
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Week #2	Article-A-Day Set for the Week	Daily Passage and Question Set
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Week #3	Article-A-Day Set for the Week	Daily Passage and Question Set
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Week #4	Article-A-Day Set for the Week	Daily Passage and Question Set
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		