

Make Reading Fun With Text Messages

Kids love texting.

Here are two ways you can use text messages to support reading comprehension.

Strategy 1: Pre-Reading

Write a text message chat to introduce a text. The chat can be between you and a student, two students in the class, or a two real or fictional characters. Use the text chat to introduce the purpose for reading and/or to hook kids on the topic. Ideas for text chats include:

1. **Previewing** a key concept or key vocabulary to support comprehension.
2. Introducing a new **craft and structure** move.
3. Make your **mini-lesson** interactive by scripting it out.

Strategy 2: Post-Reading

Have your students write a text message exchange that shows what they learned while reading the text. The text message exchange can be use to:

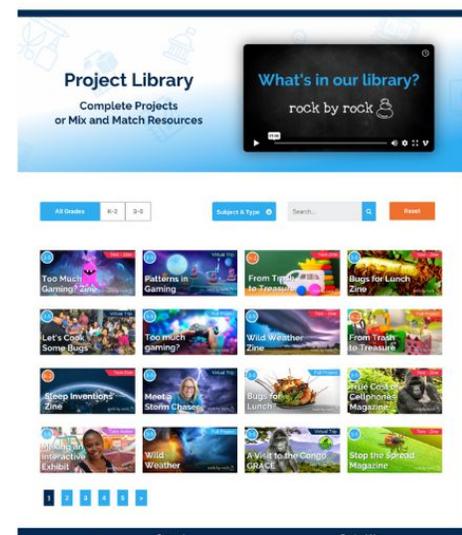
1. Explain the central idea and supporting details.
2. Explore and explain a key concept.
3. Ask or explore questions students have about the text.
4. Explain and provide examples of craft and structure moves.

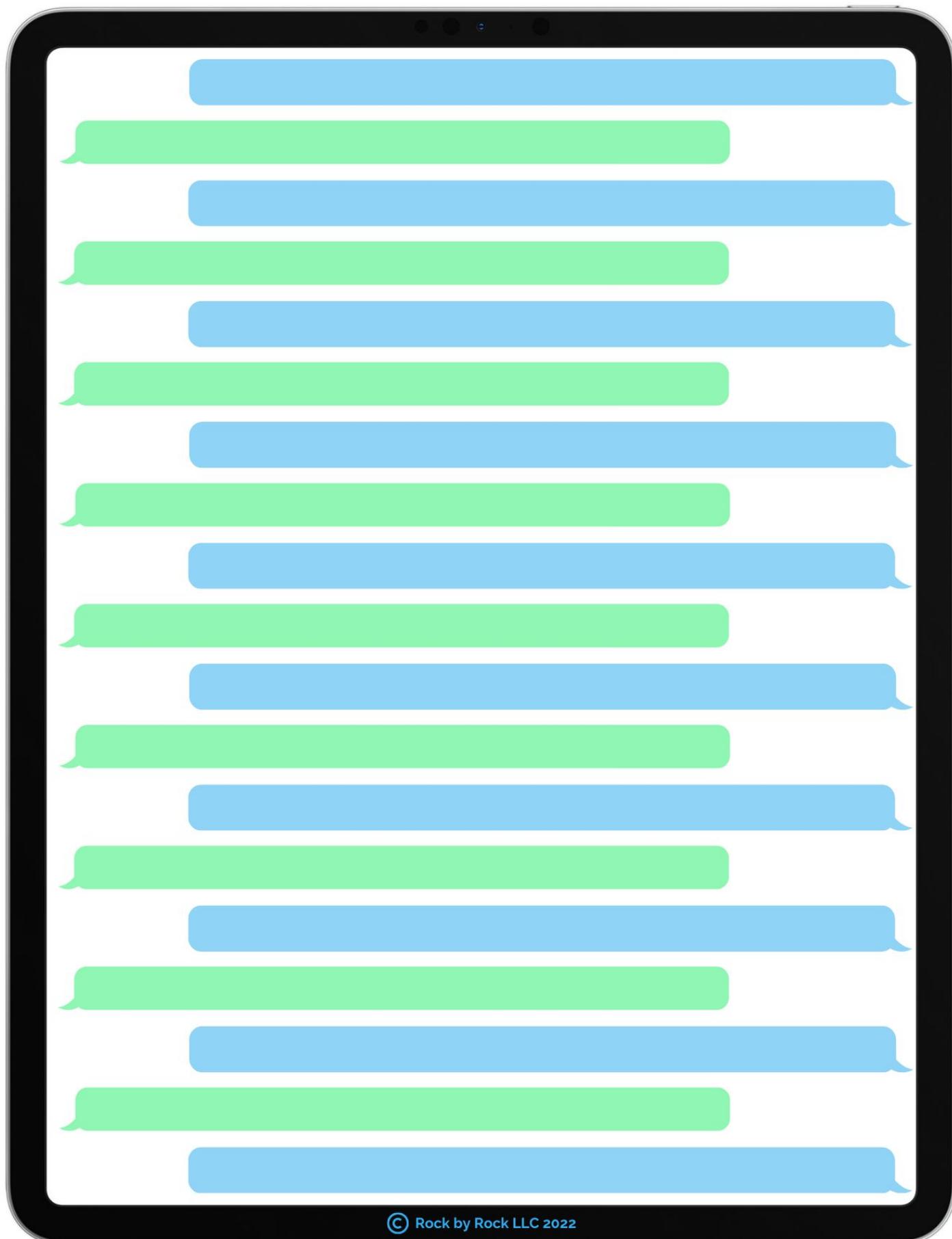
Pro Tip: Provide students a model or co-create a model before you have kids try strategy 2 on their own.

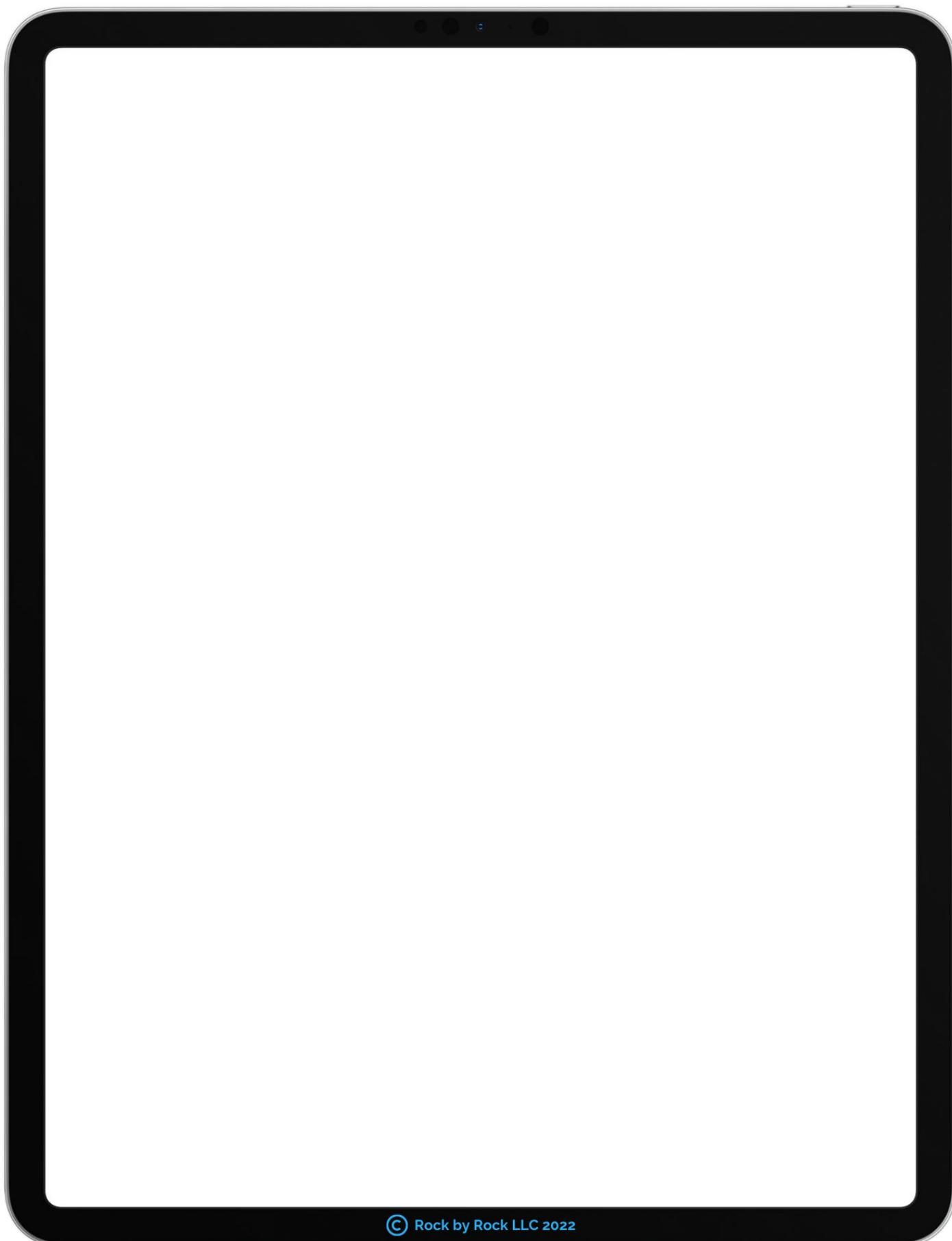
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