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Jeffrey teaches 9th-grade English and all levels of ELD (ESL) at Cerritos High School in Cerritos, California. Going into his 22nd year of teaching, he's taught three years in elementary, eight years in middle school, and ten years in high school. That range of experience and versatility has afforded him the opportunity to observe and teach reading development at all its stages, from the onset of primary language literacy to the maturity and application of multilingual literacies.

Through it all, he is keenly aware that classroom teachers are in the best position to model and develop reading habits in their students, and he is taking full advantage of it. He reads alongside his students and openly recommends books he loves and struggles with. Both his emerging bilingual and his monolingual students participate in book clubs, book talks, and daily reading time. They have a growing variety of high-interest books to choose from in his classroom library. With parents informed and supporting their reading development, all backgrounds, identities, histories, and subjects are open to exploration. His goal is to increase the range of genres and text complexity in his library to reach all his students, preparing them not just for the reading demands of their dream college or career, but for a lifelong love of reading.