

# Using Flipgrid to Assess Students' Reading, Listening and Speaking Skills

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## Flipgrid Benefits



- Free
- User-friendly
- Motivating: drawing tools, emojis
- Engaging: interaction with peers, expression of ideas/opinions
- Allows learners to practice fluency skills outside of the classroom
- Allows instructors to provide timely feedback and assessment to students

## Educational Benefits of Video Blogs



- **Mixes fixed and free elements**
  - Flexibility: content, reading difficulty, amount of practice
  - Relevance: aligns with course objectives, topics, and projects
- **Holds students accountable:** self, teacher, peers
- **Promotes engagement and learning**
  - collaboration and peer interaction
  - multiple chances for practice and feedback
  - makes growth 'visible' (language, heartset, mindset, skillset)
  - creates room for competency-based performance

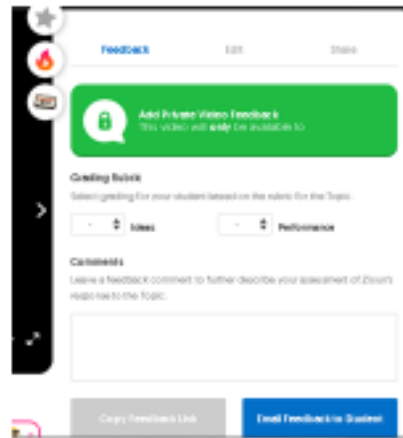
## Student Guidelines

- 1. Choose a section (one or more paragraphs) from assigned reading**
  - section must be interesting, meaningful, or surprising to them
  - read this passage aloud and then explain why they chose it
- 2. Practice reading selected passage aloud 3-7 times**
  - goal is to achieve a level of fluency that is listener-friendly
  - balance of rate, expression, and accuracy to help listener understand
- 3. Record themselves reading this paragraph aloud and explain why they chose it.**
  - use script or template: "*The passage that I chose is from page \_\_\_\_ of the article \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_. . . . I chose this passage because \_\_\_\_\_.*"
  - complete recording should be between 3-5 minutes in length
- 4. Watch classmates' video(s) [Blog Buddies] and respond**

# Feedback and Assessment

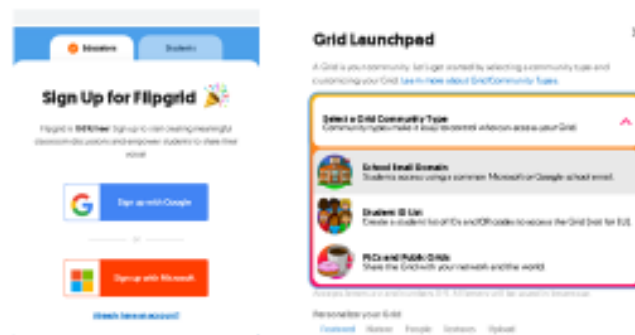


- **Rubric:**
  - **Basic:** Ideas & Performance
  - **Custom:** Replies, Content, Length, Fluency, etc.
- **Feedback:**
  - **Written** and/or
  - **Video**



## How to Create a Flipgrid Account & Grid

- Go to <https://admin.flipgrid.com/signup>
- Sign up as an educator with your Google or Microsoft account
- Click on *Add a New Grid*
- Select a community type
- Name your Grid
- *Create a Flipgrid code*
- Personalize your Grid



## How to Create a Flipgrid Topic



- Add a new topic and name your topic
- Choose video response time (15 seconds to 5 minutes)
- Write a description (up to 500 characters)
- *Select a topic tip (optional)*
- Choose a topic display date
- *Choose to moderate videos (or not to moderate)*
- *Add resources (optional) and attachments (optional)*
- Allow students to:
  - decorate their selfies with drawings and stickers
  - react with a mic drop emoji
  - reply via video to another student response

### Resources

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