

## **Description**

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## **Making the Most of Conferring in Reading Workshop**

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Participants will:

- Learn the different conference structures and when to use them
- Watch video snippets of the different structures
- Understand how to select targeted teaching points
- Select goal(s) for their students to work on between conferences
- Create a sample reading folder to help students focus on their goals
- Be given a list of resources to help them support their use of conferences