

## Exercise: Explore Gradual Release of Responsibility

This chapter provides a research-based model for building well-orchestrated lessons—gradual release of responsibility. Chapters 7 (page 153) and 8 (page 193) dig deeper into instructional planning, addressing aspects of high-quality literacy instruction and myriad instructional strategies. At the end of chapter 8, teams can participate in an exercise to design lessons implementing gradual release of responsibility. For now, discuss this model with your colleagues, and record ideas your team can revisit after reading the upcoming chapters.

Use the following questions to guide this exercise.

- What gradual release of responsibility lessons have members of our team taught with success? Share specifics.
- How can we strengthen an existing lesson by incorporating gradual release of responsibility? Share specific ideas.
- What ideas can we jot down now that will prepare us for designing or revising gradual release of responsibility lessons?