

# Getting Started with Sora

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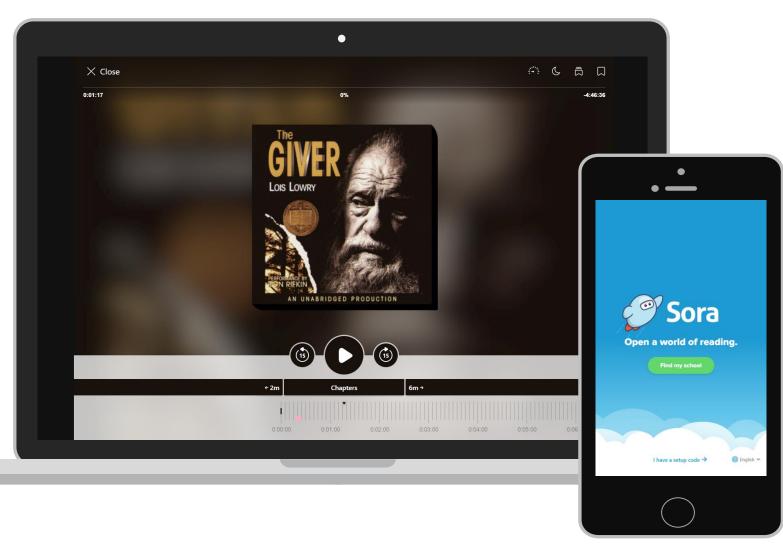
## Agenda

- I. What is Sora?
- II. Live demonstration
- III. Next steps & resources

# Poll: How familiar are you with Sora?

- I'm not sure what Sora is.
- I haven't signed in yet.
- I've signed in once or twice.
- I am somewhat familiar with Sora.
- I use Sora often.







## What is Sora?

Sora is the best way for students to access your school's digital collection.

soraapp.com
or download the app





## What's the difference?

# **OverDrive**



OverDrive Marketplace

K-12 student reading app

Shopping & administrative portal

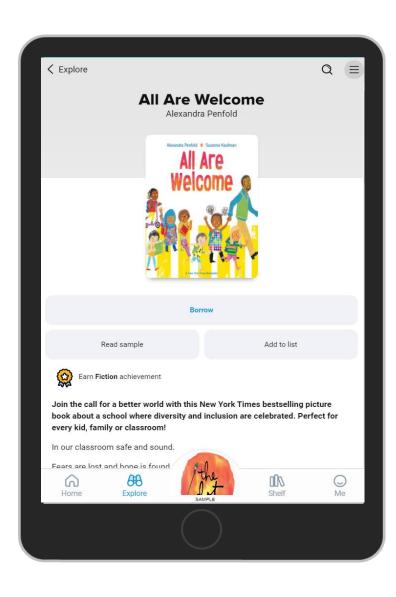
The best way for students (and staff) to access your school's digital collection.

The back-end website where staff can build your digital library, assign titles, and curate collections.

## Live demonstration



### Sora features



- Access assigned titles
- Take notes
- Export highlights
- Read or listen offline
- Earn achievements
- Add a public library
- View reading stats
- Read with a tap

# Poll: Which feature(s) will students be most excited to use?

- exporting notes and highlights
- reading and listening offline
- adding a public library
- customizing reading and listening settings
- viewing reading stats
- defining new words
- earning badges for achievements
- changing their nickname and avatar



# Introducing Sora to your school community

- Post promotional graphics
- Provide students and staff with Sora elearning modules
- Share a how-to video with colleagues
- Host your own presentation
- Give students time to explore
- Incorporate a Sora activity in class
- Use Sora in a lesson

#### BEFORE, DURING, & AFTER READING WITH SOTA

#### CHOOSE A BOOK

- If your teacher has assigned a book for you to read, that's great! You're ready to get started.
- If not, take a few minutes to find a book you'd like to read. This challenge works best with fiction ebooks.
   Fiction books usually tell an imagined story, while nonfiction books share real-world facts and information.

#### BEFORE YOU START READING

Tap on the book cover to see the title details page. Read the book description and scroll down the page to see books that are similar to yours. Look at the artwork on the book cover. What do you think your book will be about? Does it remind you of any other books you've read, or any TV shows or movies you've seen before?



Choose one of the activities below. Set a timer for 5 minutes and get to work!

- Draw a picture showing one scene that could happen in the book.
- . Or, write a few sentences describing one or two characters that could be in the book

#### DURING YOUR READING

- At the beginning of each new chapter, think about what happened in the last chapter and make a prediction
  about what will happen next. Highlight the title (or first word) of each chapter in GREEN and
  add a note. In the note, type the letter "P" and then describe what you think will happen next.
- Each time you find a word you don't know, use the define feature to learn what it means.

  Then, highlight the word in VELLOW and add a note, in the note write a sentence using this near the sentence of the sentence using this near the sentence of th
- While you're reading, think about how the book makes you feel. Pick one sentence in each chapter that made you
  feel a certain emotion. Highlight the sentence in FINK and add a note. In the note, write the emotion you felt.
  (Add an emoti if you can!)
- At the end of each chapter, create a one-sentence summary about what happened in the chapter. Highlight the
  last word of the chapter in GREEN and a note. In the note, type the letter "5" and then type your summary to
  remember for later.

#### AFTER YOU FINISH THE BOOK



Save your vocabulary. Export the list of your YELLOW highlights and notes and save it to your computer or Google Drive. You can also share this list with your teacher, if they ask for a copy.

Choose one of the activities below. Set a timer for 20 minutes and get to work

- Design a new cover. Read through your GREEN notes (prediction and summary) for each chapter. Design a new book cover that you think fits the story well. You can use scrap paper and coloring supplies, or use a phone, tablet, or computer to create the design.
- Author Interview. Read through your PINK highlights (emotions). Write 2-3 questions you'd like to ask the
- Alternate ending. Write a new ending. What could have gone differently? Which characters would be involved: What do YOU wish would have happened?

#### **OverDrive**

Find these materials and more on the OverDrive Resource Center!

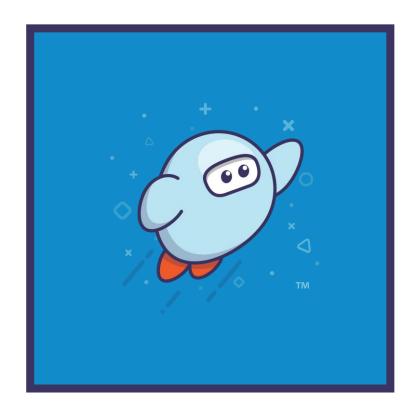
## Sora Showcase

## WHAT IS Sora Showcase?

A free, interactive discovery kiosk software.



# Next steps for success



Download the Sora app or visit soraapp.com.



Give students time to explore.

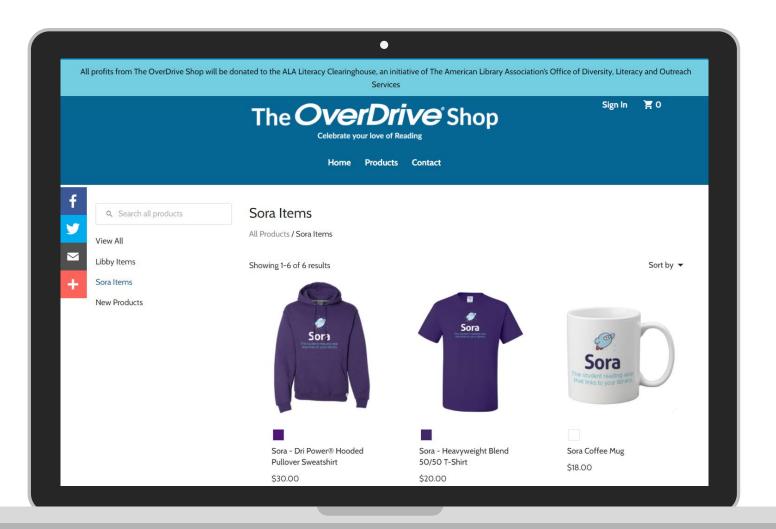


Discover resources on the Resource Center.

## Poll: Based on your role, what are the top 2 actions you plan to implement?

- discover Sora for yourself
- share Sora knowledge with a colleague
- introduce/promote Sora to students
- incorporate Sora into curriculum or a student club
- use OverDrive marketing resources with your school community





#### Resources

Answer frequently asked questions and get support.

**Meet Sora** 

Sora Help

**Resource Center** 

**OverDrive Schools Blog** 

The OverDrive Shop













## Mark your calendars!



#### **December 16 at 2 PM ET**

Hear from our Marketing & Outreach experts

**Coming Soon** 



#### New for 2022

Sora Essentials & Sora Connections

**Coming Soon** 



#### New for 2022

Marketplace Essentials & Marketplace Connections

**Coming Soon** 

#### **OverDrive**

Complete this questionnaire after watching the Getting Started with Sora training.

#### **Knowledge Check**

Answer the questions below to check your understanding of the material in this training.

#### What is Sora? \*

- a. The one-tap reading app
- O b. The student reading app and the best way for students to access your school's digital collection
- O c. The back-end shopping and administrative portal
- d. The resource for marketing and outreach materials, staff training, and collection development lists

#### How can you access Sora? \*

- a. Visit soraapp.com in any web browser
- O b. Download the app
- O c. Visit libbyapp.com in any web browser
- Od. Both a & b

#### Which of these is NOT a way to browse and search for titles in Sora? \*

- a. Scroll collections on the Explore tab
- O b. Choose a subject badge on the Me tab
- O c. Browse subject categories or set preferences

## Earn your certificate

- 1. Take the post-webinar <u>assessment</u>.
- 2. Download your certificate, add your name, and save.





# THANKYOU OverDrive