Read&Write for Google Chrome – Screen Mask

Introduction

The Screen Mask tool is a feature that creates a focus strip on your screen, and darkens the rest. Using the cursor, the user is able to move the “ruler” up and down the screen. This tool supports the focusing on a certain section of text, or if a teacher wants to show particular areas of the screen.

Learning Objectives

Completion of this tutorial will give you experience with the following:

• Focusing on sections of the screen using the Screen Mask tool

This tutorial assumes:

• Access to Google Chrome browser on a Windows, Mac or Chromebook computer and NOT a tablet.
• Read&Write extension for Google Chrome is installed.
• Access to the premium features. Click here to find out how.
• Access to the internet.

Case Study

Mr. Miller is a teacher that is going to introduce a new unit on the projector in the front of the classroom. As he is going through all the steps, he uses the Screen Mask tool as a focus tool as he presents, so students may follow along.

Later, when Erin, a student in Mr. Miller’s class is doing research for one of the projects, she uses the Screen Mask tool while reading. This helps her to focus on small sections at a time, and not be distracted or overwhelmed by surrounding information.
# Screen Mask using Read&Write for Google Chrome

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| **1** | **Open** a web page in your Chrome Browser. (1)  
**Ensure** that the Read&Write Chrome extension is running by locating the purple R&W icon will appear in the top right hand corner.  
**Click** on the icon (2) to activate the Read&Write toolbar. |
| **2** | **Click** on the *Screen Mask* icon (1). |
Move the cursor up and down to focus on a certain section of the screen (1).

Click on the Screen Mask icon once again to turn it off (1).