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Analyze Multiple & Conflicting Views

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Thoughtless Raiders

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time in nature is good for the body, mind, and soul, for some people, bringing that nature indoors is a bad idea. Plants in the home have several drawbacks. People need to be aware before loading indoor spaces with greenery.

The biggest problem with plants in the home is the potential for triggering allergies. According to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of

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Essential Researchers

Archaeologists are important researchers. They seek to uncover the mysteries of the past. They are time travelers, embarking on historical trips to answer some of the world's most intriguing questions. What was life like in ancient civilizations? What tools did early people use? How did they honor their dead? What lessons can we learn from them? Archaeologists contribute invaluable knowledge to our understanding of history.

Cultural heritage is preserved through the work of archaeologists. At each dig site they visit, archaeologists follow protocols to ensure the excavation of precious artifacts is done in a way that limits damage and shows respect for the people historically tied to the location. They often uncover relics by using small trowels, hand shovels, brushes, and even toothbrushes to remove earth surrounding the artifacts. This gentle touch illustrates archaeologists' desire to not disturb historically-significant areas more than necessary. The documentation archaeologists collect also highlights how important the research is to them. They take careful notes, photographs, and videos of their work so they can piece together the puzzles surrounding the artifacts they allows them to



Pyramids of Giza

are studying.

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Having the same teacher multiple years in a row is good
There are many advantages to students and teachers spending a longer amount of time together. The practice is called looping. It's when a teacher teaches the same group of students for more than one year.

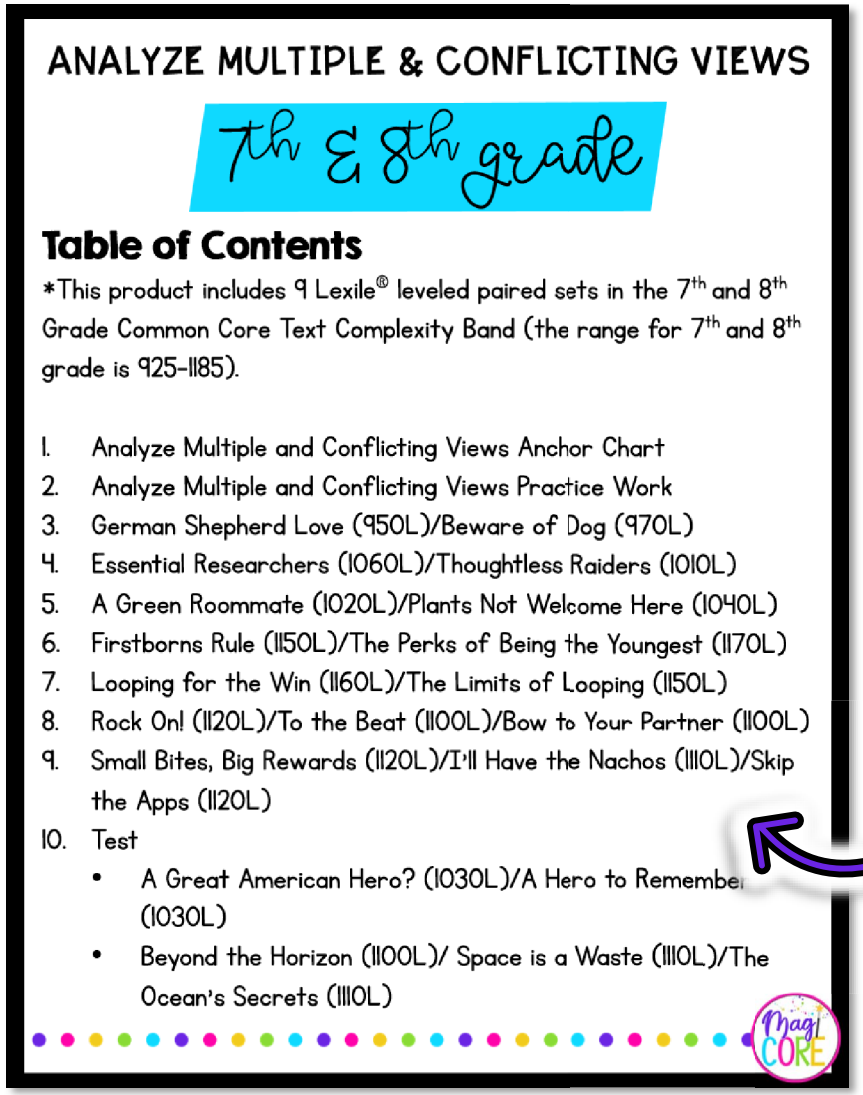
The biggest benefit of looping is the opportunity to build strong teacher-student relationships. These relationships are "a key and core feature of a successful school, and one way to help develop those is by giving teachers and students more time to get to know each other," says Matthew Kraft, an associate professor of education and economics at Brown University. Positive relationships are linked to increased student engagement know their teachers really well don't want to ffort into participating in their ribed their classes

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7th & 8th grade

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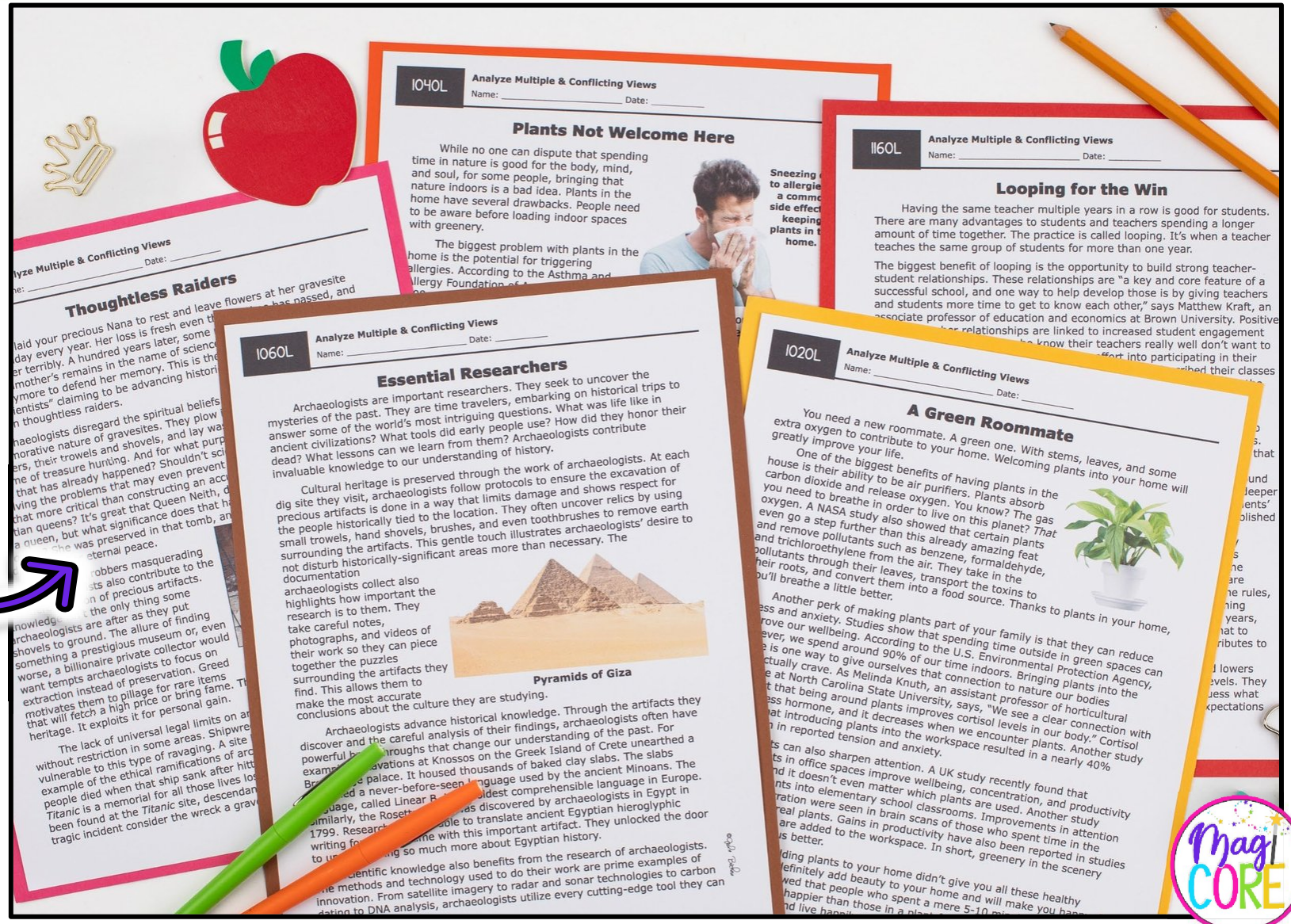
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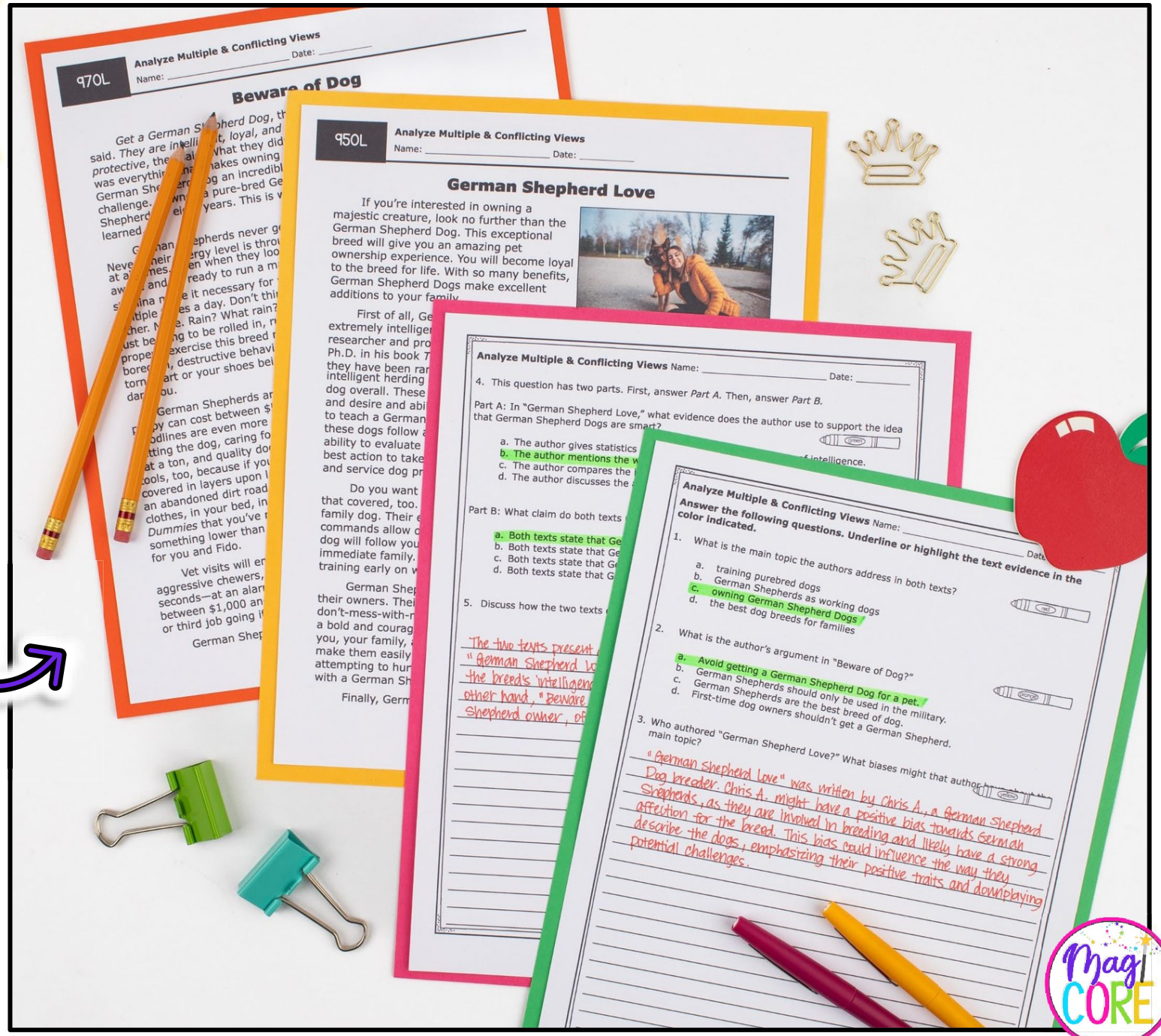
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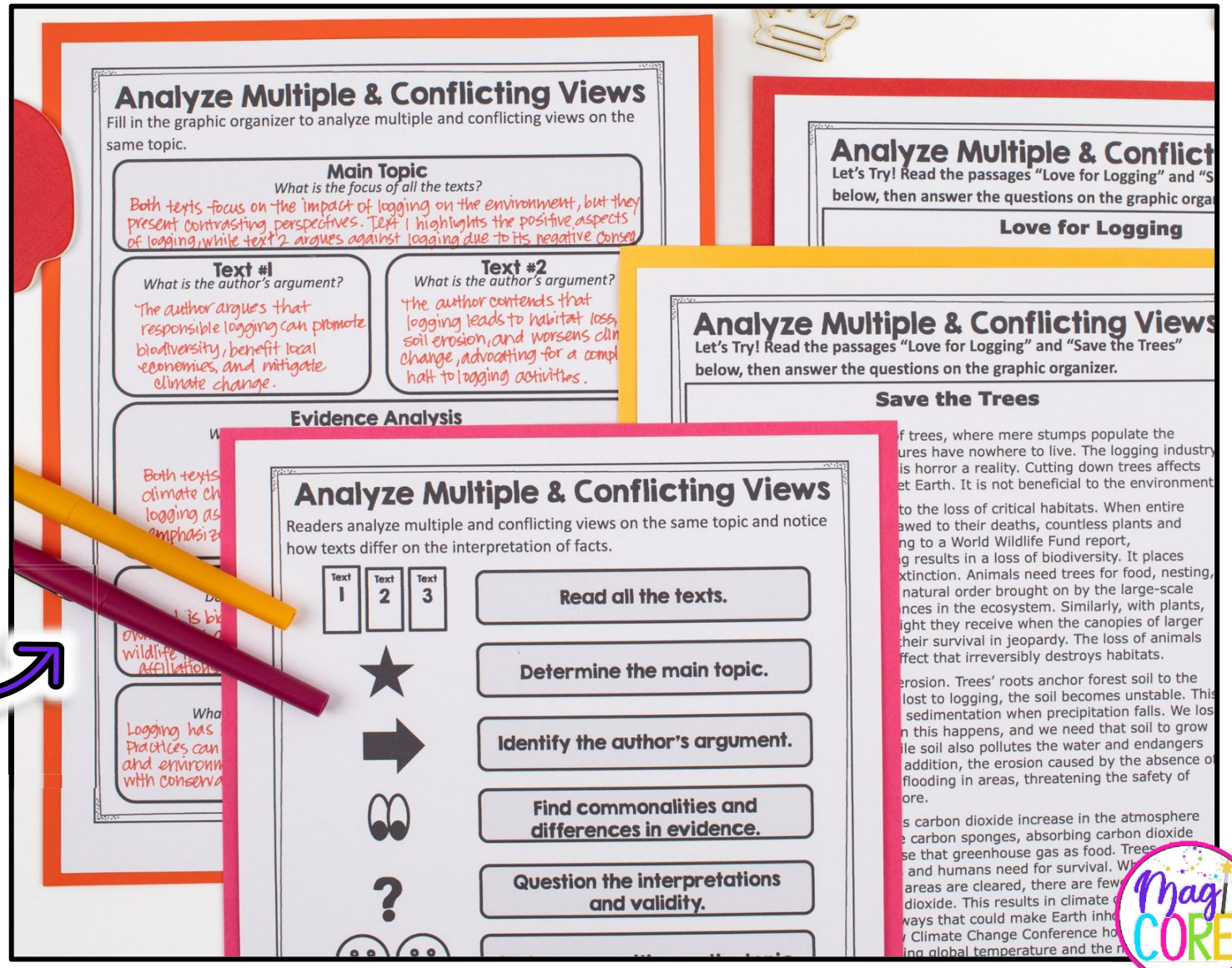
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- Rigorous and research-based approach to questioning



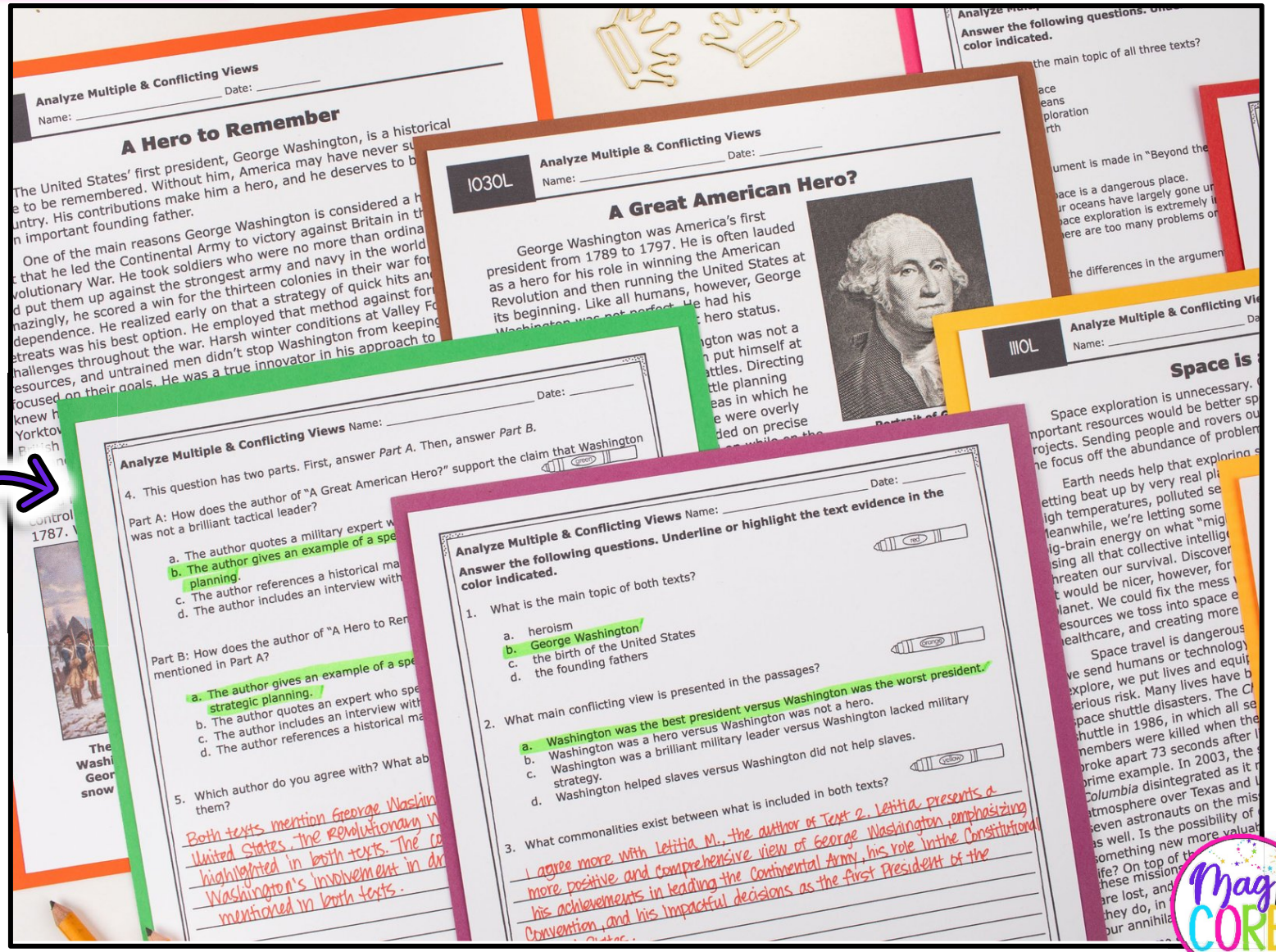
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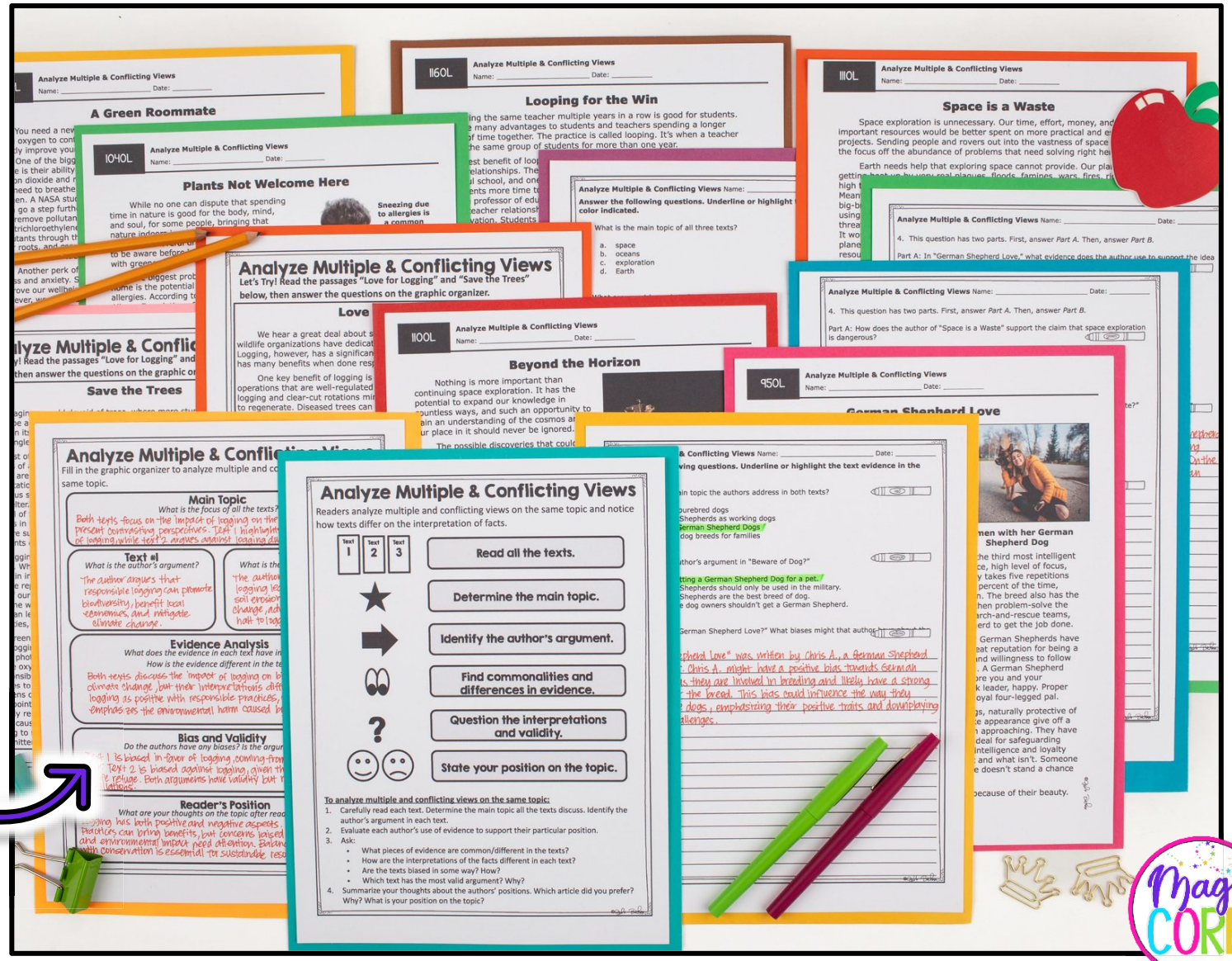
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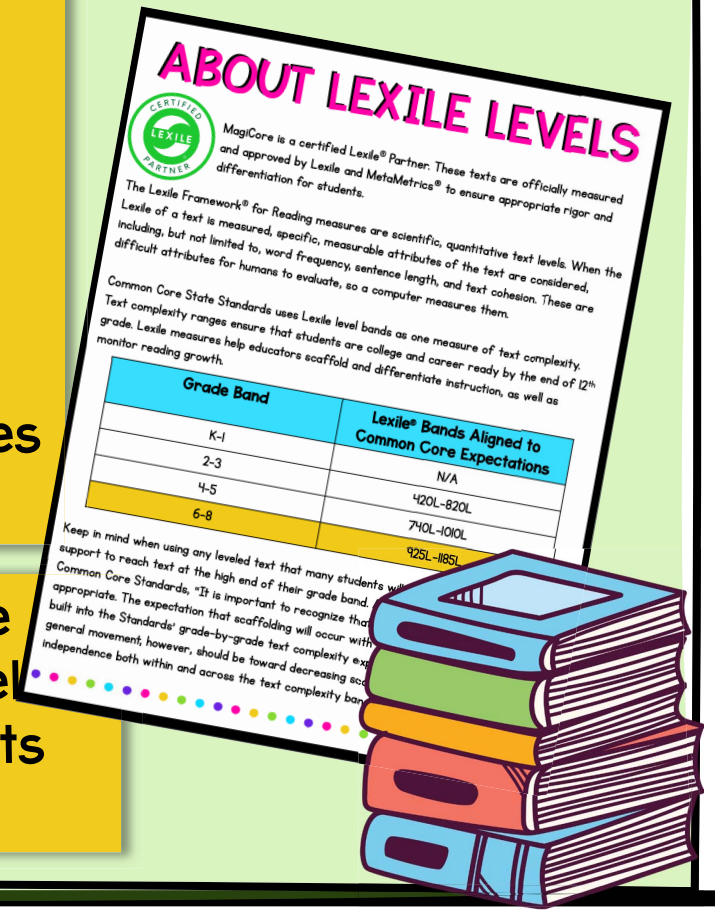
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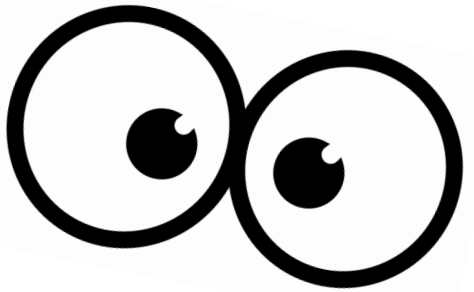
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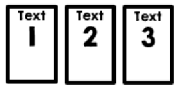
Lead the way! Our texts are leveled to master grade-level expectations and set students up for success.

TAKE A PEEK



Analyze Multiple & Conflicting Views

Readers analyze multiple and conflicting views on the same topic and notice how texts differ on the interpretation of facts.





Read all the texts.

Determine the main topic.



Identify the author's argument.



Find commonalities and differences in evidence.



Question the interpretations and validity.



State your position on the topic.

To analyze multiple and conflicting views on the same topic:

1. Carefully read each text. Determine the main topic all the texts discuss. Identify the author's argument in each text.
2. Evaluate each author's use of evidence to support their particular position.
3. Ask:
   - What pieces of evidence are common/different in the texts?
   - How are the interpretations of the facts different in each text?
   - Are the texts biased in some way? How?
   - Which text has the most valid argument? Why?
4. Summarize your thoughts about the authors' positions. Which article did you prefer? Why? What is your position on the topic?

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Analyze Multiple & Conflicting Views

Fill in the graphic organizer to analyze multiple and conflicting views on the same topic.

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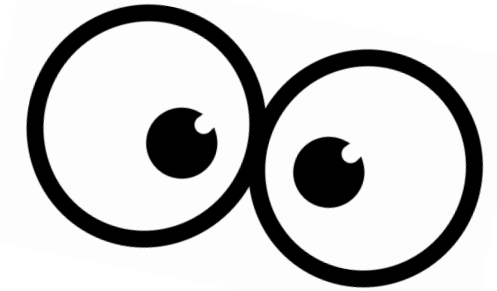
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AND ANOTHER PEEK



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Beware of Dog



German Shepherd Dog

Get a German Shepherd Dog, they said. *They are intelligent, loyal, and protective*, they said. What they didn't say was everything that makes owning a German Shepherd Dog an incredible challenge. I owned a pure-bred German Shepherd for eight years. This is what I learned.

German Shepherds never get tired. Never. Their energy level is through the roof at all times. Even when they look as if they are sleeping, they can snap awake and be ready to run a marathon instantly. Their athleticism and stamina make it necessary for you, as the owner, to exercise them regularly, multiple times a day. Don't think a day with foul weather gets you out of it, either. Nope. Rain? What rain? All a German Shepherd sees is luscious mud just begging to be rolled in, run through, and possibly eaten. Failure to properly exercise this breed results in behavioral issues aplenty. Restlessness, boredom, destructive behavior, oh my. If you don't mind your couch being torn apart or your shoes being munched, then go ahead. Skip the exercise. I dare you.

German Shepherds are expensive. A pure-breed German Shepherd puppy can cost between $500 and $1,000 on average. Certain prestigious bloodlines are even more expensive. In addition to the initial cost of just getting the dog, caring for a German Shepherd racks up quite the bill. They eat a ton, and quality dog food is by no means cheap. You need grooming tools, too, because if you don't brush them regularly, your home will be covered in layers upon layers of dog hair. It will blow like tumbleweed across an abandoned dirt road in some old western movie. It'll end up on your clothes, in your bed, in your food, and on that copy of *Dog Training for Dummies* that you've read a million times but are now convinced you're something lower than a dummy because not a single training tip has worked for you and Fido.

Vet visits will empty your wallet, too, and because these beasts are aggressive chewers, you will be buying toys—ones that get destroyed in 2.5 seconds—at an alarming rate. Experts say owning a German Shepherd costs between $1,000 and $2,000 a year. No joke, people. Better get that second or third job going if you still want to share your life with this breed.

German Shepherds have many health problems. They are susceptible to

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Analyze Multiple & Conflicting Views Name: _____ Date: _____

Answer the following questions. Underline or highlight the text evidence in the color indicated.

1. What is the main topic the authors address in both texts? (red)

   a. training purebred dogs
   b. German Shepherds as working dogs
   c. owning German Shepherd Dogs
   d. the best dog breeds for families

2. What is the author's argument in "Beware of Dog?" (orange)

   a. Avoid getting a German Shepherd Dog for a pet.
   b. German Shepherds should only be used in the military.
   c. German Shepherds are the best breed of dog.
   d. First-time dog owners shouldn't get a German Shepherd.

3. Who authored "German Shepherd Love?" What biases might that author have about the main topic? (yellow)

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4. This question has two parts. First, answer *Part A*. Then, answer *Part B*.

   Part A: In "German Shepherd Love," what evidence does the author use to support the idea that German Shepherd Dogs are smart? (green)

   a. The author gives statistics about how dogs perform on tests of intelligence.
   b. The author mentions the work of a canine researcher and professor.
   c. The author compares the intelligence levels of several dog breeds.
   d. The author discusses the anatomy of the German Shepherd brain.

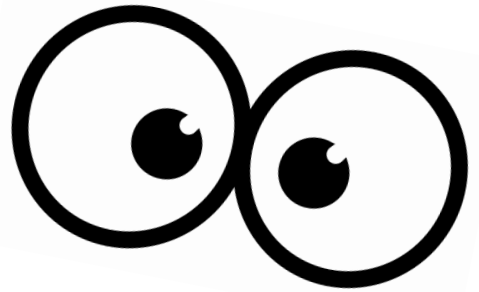
   Part B: What claim do both texts make about German Shepherd Dogs?

   a. Both texts state that German Shepherd dogs are protective.
   b. Both texts state that German Shepherd dogs are expensive.
   c. Both texts state that German Shepherd dogs are healthy.
   d. Both texts state that German Shepherd dogs are high energy.

5. Discuss how the two texts differ in the information they present on the main topic. (blue)

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CHECK THIS OUT TOO!



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Plants can also sharpen attention. A UK study recently found that houseplants in office spaces improve wellbeing, concentration, and productivity by 47%, and it doesn't even matter which plants are used. Another study brought plants into elementary school classrooms. Improvements in attention and concentration were seen in brain scans of those who spent time in the company of real plants. Gains in productivity have also been reported in studies where plants are added to the workspace. In short, greenery in the scenery makes us focus better.

Even if adding plants to your home didn't give you all these healthy benefits, they definitely add beauty to your home and will make you happy. One experiment showed that people who spent a mere 5-10 minutes with a few houseplants felt happier than those in a plant-free space. Invite a plant to live with you today and live happily ever after together.

Written by Scott W., florist

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Answer the following questions. Underline or highlight the text evidence in the color indicated.

1. What topic is presented by both authors? (red)

   a. plant growth and development
   b. growing plants from seed
   c. having plants inside the home
   d. types of houseplants

2. What conflicting views are developed in the two texts? (orange)

   a. "A Green Roommate" states all plants are good for the home, while "Plants Not Welcome Here" cautions against some types of plants.
   b. "A Green Roommate" is for plants in the home, while "Plants Not Welcome Here" is against plants in the home.
   c. "Plants Not Welcome Here" argues plants are too expensive, while "A Green Roommate" says they are not costly.
   d. "Plants Not Welcome Here" states plants live better outside, while "A Green Roommate" argues they live better inside.

3. How does each author interpret the NASA study on plants as air purifiers to advance their argument? (yellow)

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4. This question has two parts. First, answer *Part A*. Then, answer *Part B*.

Part A: How does the author of "A Green Roommate" support the claim that houseplants improve wellbeing? (green)

   a. by quoting Melinda Knuth, an assistant professor of horticultural science at North Carolina State University
   b. by referring to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
   c. by stating that plants absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen
   d. by interviewing florists to get houseplant recommendations

Part B: How does the author of "Plants Not Welcome Here" dispute the claim in Part A?

   a. by showing how houseplants pollute the air inside the home
   b. by illustrating how houseplants are difficult to care for inside the home
   c. by including facts about how houseplants affect stress hormone levels in the body
   d. by discussing how houseplants can trigger allergies and respiratory illnesses

5. Which argument appears more valid? Why? (blue)

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