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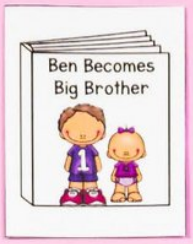
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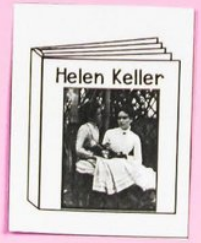
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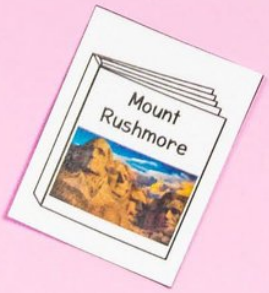
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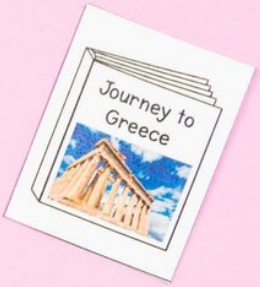
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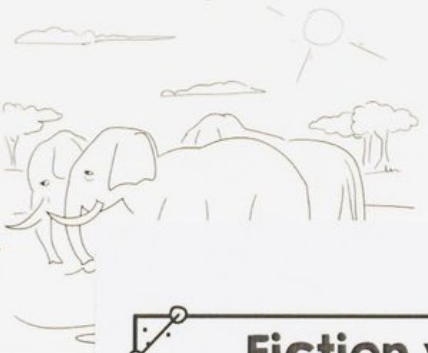
Directions: Sort the book covers into the fiction or nonfiction column.

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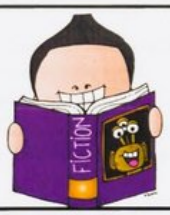
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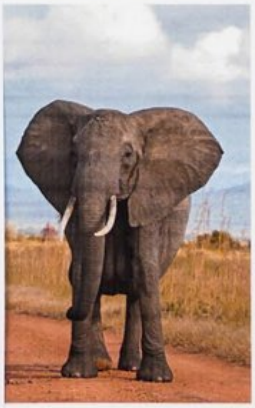
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How to Teach Fiction vs. Nonfiction

Model

Hold up two books, one fiction and one nonfiction. Ask students what type of text each book is. As students respond, ask them to show how they determine the type of text.

Probing questions:

- Is the book real or not real? How do you know?
- Why would someone read this book?
- Are their illustrations or photographs?
- How is the book set up?

Understanding if a book is fiction or nonfiction can help us make before reading predictions. If the book is fiction, we know there will be characters, setting, problem, and solution. If the book is nonfiction, we know we will be learning about a topic.

Guided Practice

Collect a large range of fiction and nonfiction books. Ask students to help you sort them into a fiction and nonfiction pile.

Visuals

- Create an anchor chart displaying the difference between fiction and nonfiction.
- Students sort the text excerpts provided.
- Students use the fiction and nonfiction bookmarks to identify books while reading independently.

Differentiation

- Model determining the difference between fiction and nonfiction while previewing read aloud books.
- Use more visuals, such as the cover sorting pictures, to model genre sorting.
- Students who struggle with this skill may need more exposure to nonfiction books. Provide many opportunities for nonfiction reading and noticing text features.

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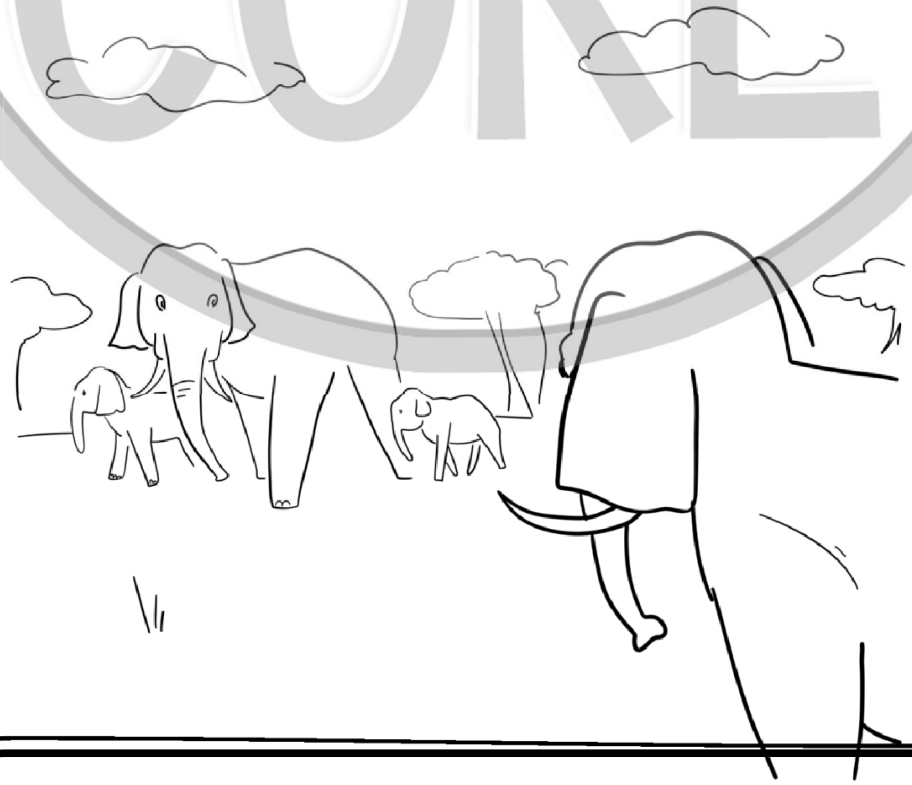
"I love you too, dear; however, you are almost grown. As the matriarch of this herd, my job is to lead the other females and to care for the other children. You must go with the older males. Our herd has only females and young males. I will always love you, son. But you must grow up and you cannot do that if you remain in this herd," Cairo's mother explained.

That night at dusk, Cairo's mother and the rest of the herd prepared to leave to search for more food. Cairo grievously approached his mom as he glared into her sunken eyes. "Do you really have to go?" he asked.

"Yes, my little Cairo, it's the only way," she replied as tears walled up in her eyes. She hesitantly turned and walked away, leaving Cairo alone in the night.

Full of misery, and lonely on the savanna, Cairo set out to find the other male elephants. He saw two young males who had left the herd the previous year. Although he was still upset about what his mother had told him, he was excited to see some familiar faces. He asked them if he could join them and they agreed. Quickly, the three became inseparable. They began to search for food together, play in the water, and throw dirt on each other. It reminded him of the times he had with his mother. It gave him great comfort to now have a new herd to roam with.

Cairo gradually became content with living on his own. He eventually grew to be six tons, a full-grown African elephant. One day while out, he passed a herd of mothers and young elephants. Faintly in the distance, he saw a large mother elephant. He instantly recognized her. It was his mother. They locked eyes for several minutes and then with a gentle nod of the head, Cairo continued on his way.



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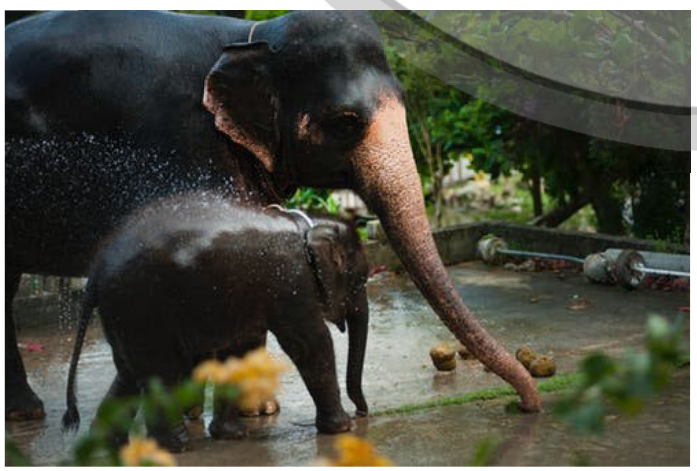
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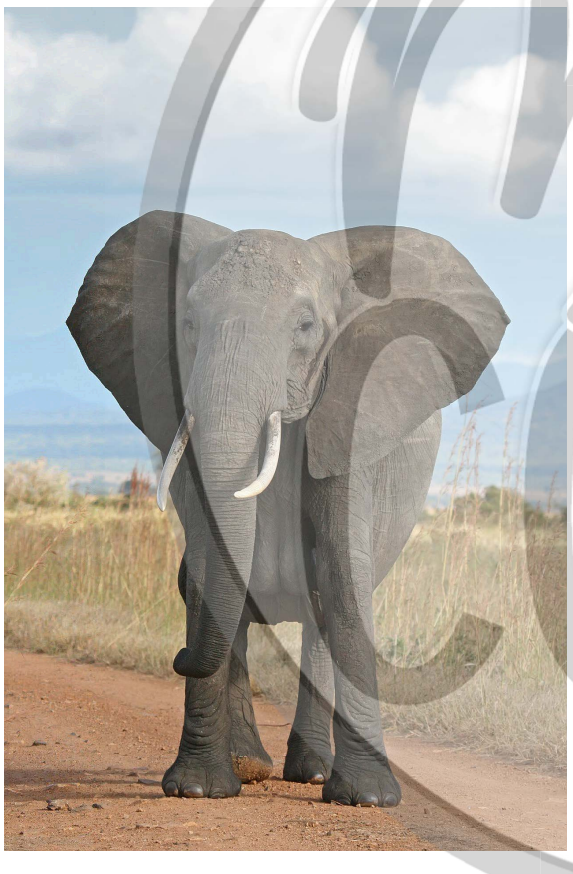
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Elephant Tusks

The male elephant's tusks are made of a material called ivory. Ivory is similar to human teeth. Human children's baby teeth fall out after a certain number of years and are then replaced with permanent teeth. Similarly, an elephant calf is born with tusks that fall out after about a year and are then replaced with permanent ones. These tusks will continue to grow throughout the elephant's life. Elephant tusks are used for many activities. They use their tusks for digging, foraging, and fighting for territory.



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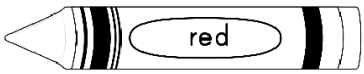
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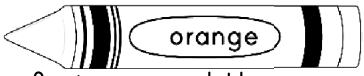
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Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color shown.



1. One way the two selections are similar is that both the selections-

a. explain that young male elephants leave their herds.
b. explain how elephants use their trunks in many different ways.
c. describe how an elephant's tusks are similar to human teeth.
d. focus on Cairo leaving his herd to become a full-grown elephant.



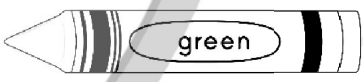
2. How are the two selections different?

a. One is told from the perspective of an outside narrator's point of view, and the other is told from the point of view of a mother elephant.
b. One passage includes only facts about elephants, and the other includes only opinions about elephants.
c. One is written to entertain by telling a story of an elephant that ventures out on his own, and the other is written to inform about elephants in Africa.
d. One describes what life is like for male elephants in Africa, and the other describes what life is like for female elephants in Africa.



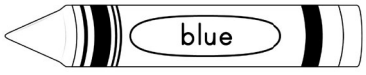
3. Unlike "Cairo Grows Up," "From Calf to Bull" includes-

a. a description of how an elephant uses its tusks and ears to survive in the wild.
b. details of how a mother elephant feels when the young male calves leave the herd.
c. a true account of a male elephant that left his herd to become an adult bull.
d. information about the number of African elephants that exist today.



4. In both passages, male African elephants are described as-

a. very aggressive and deadly predators to other animals.
b. too small to survive on their own in the wild.
c. weak and dependent on their mothers for most of their lives.
d. strong and independent enough to live on their own at an early age.



5. What fact is given only in "From Calf to Bull"?

a. Male calves leave their herd at an early age as they transition from calf to bull.
b. Elephants use their trunk to drink water and gather food.
c. Elephants use their ears to hear sounds as far as 2.5 miles away.
d. An elephant can travel as far as 50 miles in one day.

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Directions: Sort the excerpts from the two passages below.

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What are the images?	**What are the images?**
How is the text organized?	**How is the text organized?**
• Who are the characters?	**What topic is the author discussing?**
• What is the setting?	
• What is the problem?	
• What is the solution?	

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Which passage is fiction and which passage is nonfiction? Use evidence from the previous organizer to support your response.

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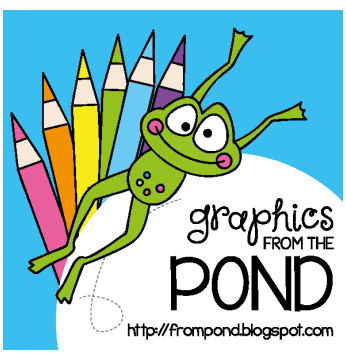
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