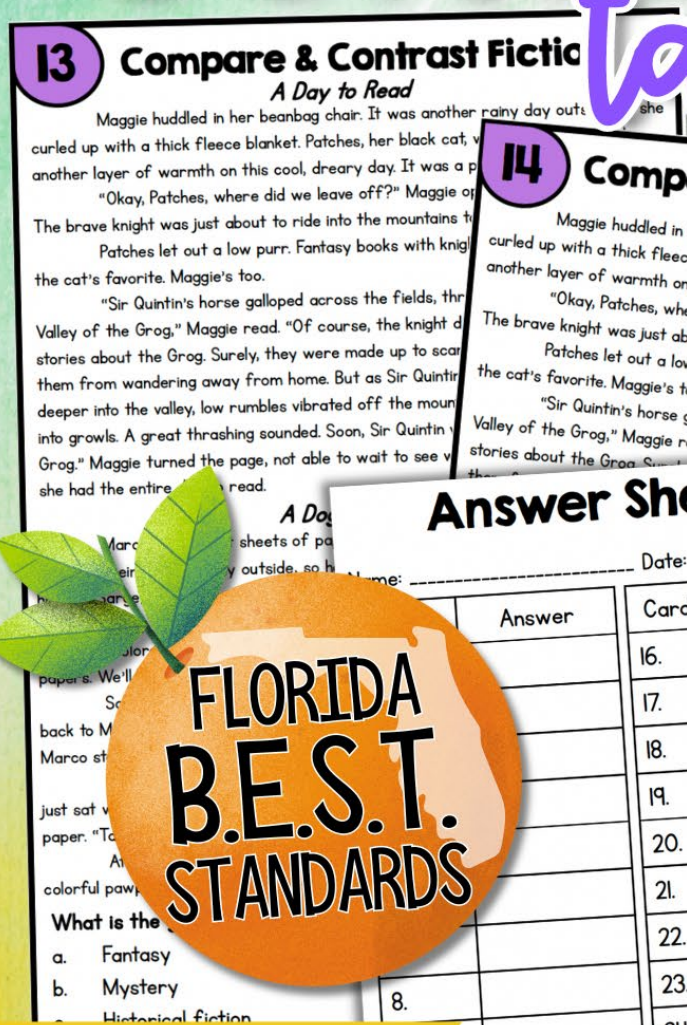
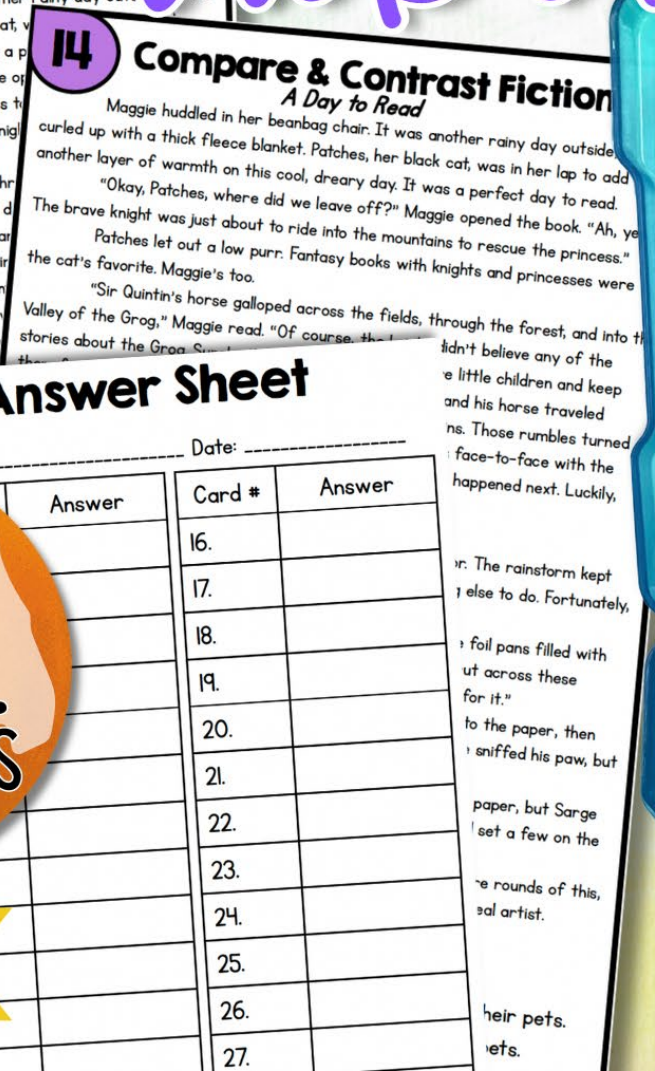
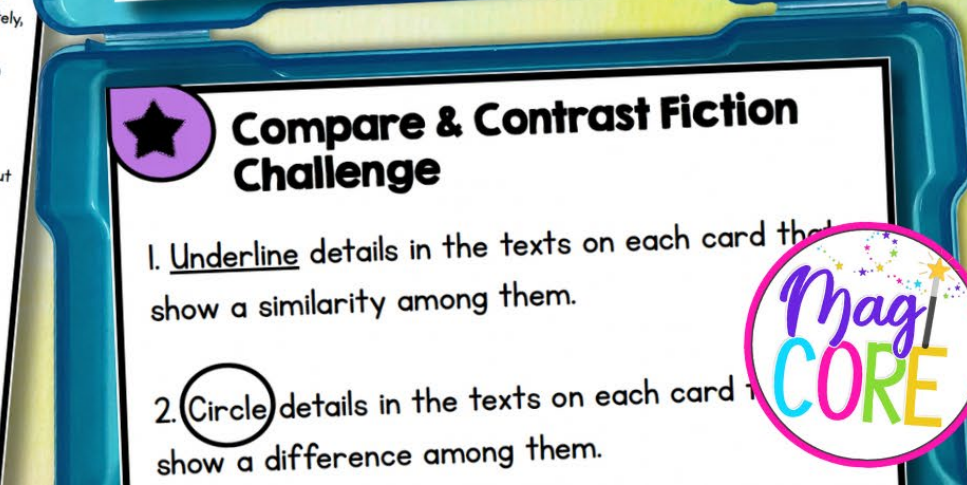
COMPARE & CONTRAST FICTION

task cards









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2nd Grade

MagiCORE

Ways to Use Task Cards

1. **Centers**
2. **Scoot:** Pass out one card for each student. Set a timer and say, "Scoot!" when the timer goes off. Students move seats to the next card. They continue to rotate until they are back at their original seats.
3. **Scavenger Hunt:** Hide cards around the room. Students search for cards and answer them.
4. **Jenga:** Number Jenga blocks. Students stack the blocks then take turns pulling them. Students answer the corresponding number card.
5. **Whole-Class Practice:** Teacher displays card on the projector. Students answer on mini whiteboards.
6. **Exit Tickets:** Give each student a task card at the end of the lesson. Have them answer on a sticky note.

1 Compare & Contrast Fiction

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"Make a wish," a soft voice said.

Yasmine looked around, but she was totally alone in the woods behind Gran's house. She'd run out there to have some time to check out the crystal by herself.

"You can have whatever you want," the voice whispered from the crystal.

Yasmine was about to tell the crystal what she wanted, but Gran appeared. She snatched the crystal from Yasmine's hand. "You are not ready for this stone's power, child."

"But . . ." Yasmine really wanted that crystal and its power.

Gran shook her head. "Someday you can have it, but not today." She tucked it into her pocket and headed back to the house. "Come along."

The Arrow

Jeb had been hiking in the woods when something caught his eye; the sun was reflecting off something shiny in a tree. When he got closer, he saw a golden arrow stuck in the bark. The air around the strange arrow glowed. Jeb had never seen anything like it.

"Where did you come from?" Jeb wondered aloud.

"From the Valley of the Elves," a voice replied.

Jeb turned around, but no one else was in the woods. He eyed the arrow again. Arrows didn't talk, did they? He reached up and closed his hand around the glowing, golden arrow. A shockwave blasted through his entire body. The power was too much for him, but he couldn't seem to let go.

"Fight it." A man with pointed ears appeared, and his piercing blue eyes focused on Jeb. "You must fight it and release the arrow."

Jeb roared and tore his hand free.

"Come back when you are ready," the man said. "The arrow will be waiting."

Shaking out his hand, Jeb never wanted to touch that arrow again.

How are the main characters in both stories similar?

a. Yasmine and Jeb are both curious about the objects they find.
b. Yasmine and Jeb are both afraid of the woods.
c. Yasmine and Jeb are both ready for the power of the objects.
d. Yasmine and Jeb are both the villains of their stories.

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d. Jeb is ready for power, but Yasmine isn't.

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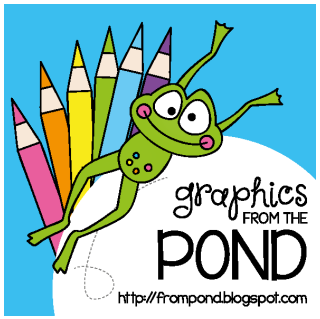
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