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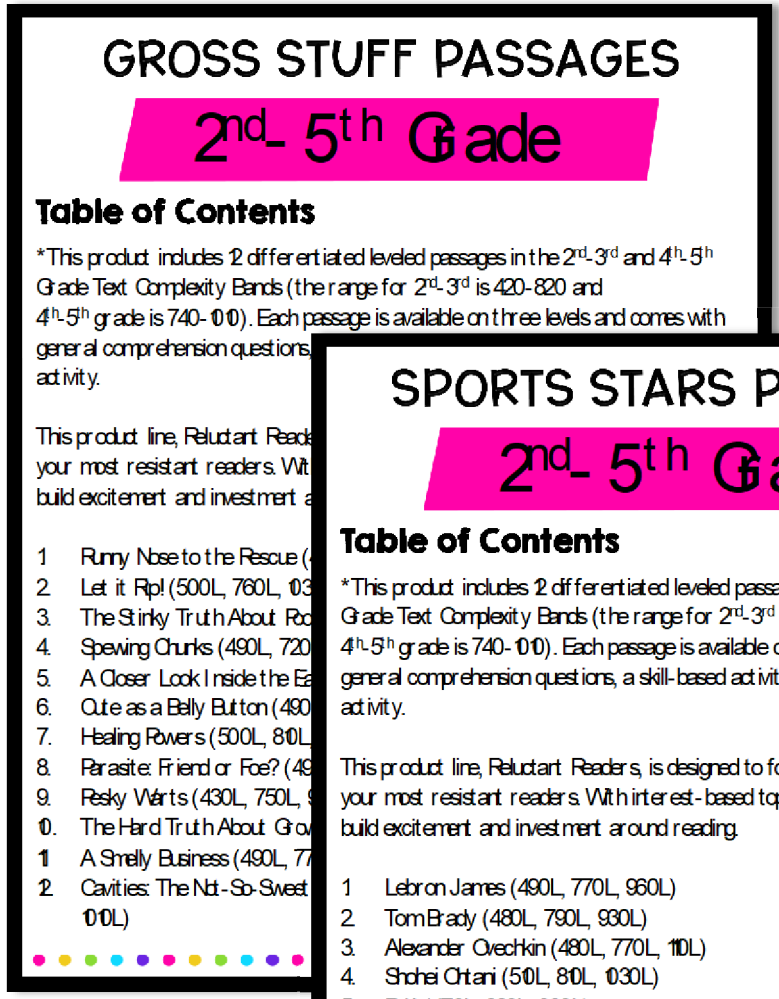
Differentiated Passages Bundle

NONFICTION



WHAT'S INSIDE?

- 12 passages per topic set, differentiated on three levels to span readers from 2nd-5th grade
- Wide variety of nonfiction interest driven topics to get students excited about reading
- Comprehension questions for each passage set
- Color coding of answers to encourage students to use text evidence
- Standard driven graphic organizers for each passage set


GROSS STUFF PASSAGES

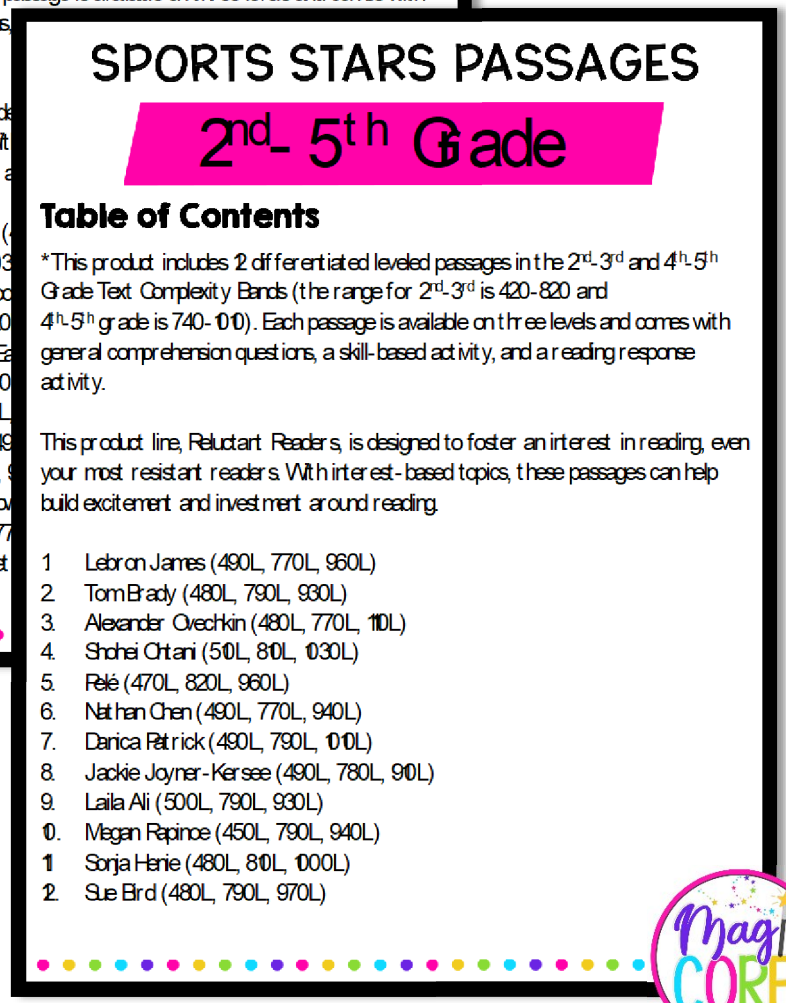
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SPORTS STARS PASSAGES

2nd- 5th Grade

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This product line, Reluctant Readers, is designed to foster an interest in reading, even your most resistant readers. With interest-based topics, these passages can help build excitement and investment around reading.

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4. Shohei Ohtani (510L, 810L, 1030L)
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6. Nathan Chen (490L, 770L, 940L)
7. Danica Patrick (490L, 790L, 1010L)
8. Jackie Joyner-Kersee (490L, 780L, 910L)
9. Laila Ali (500L, 790L, 930L)
10. Megan Rapinoe (450L, 790L, 940L)
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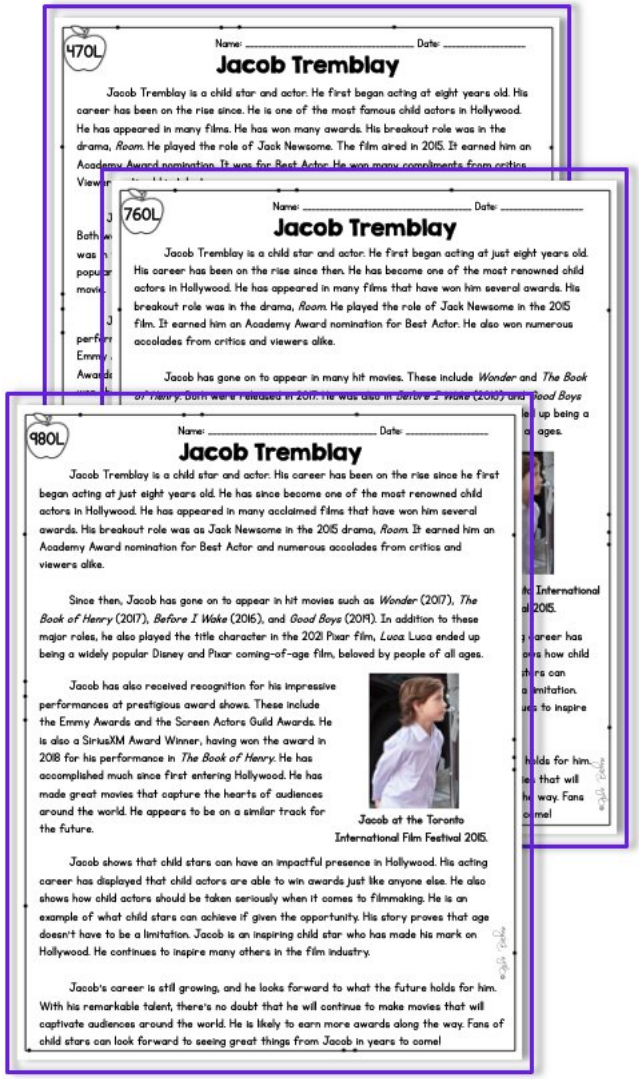


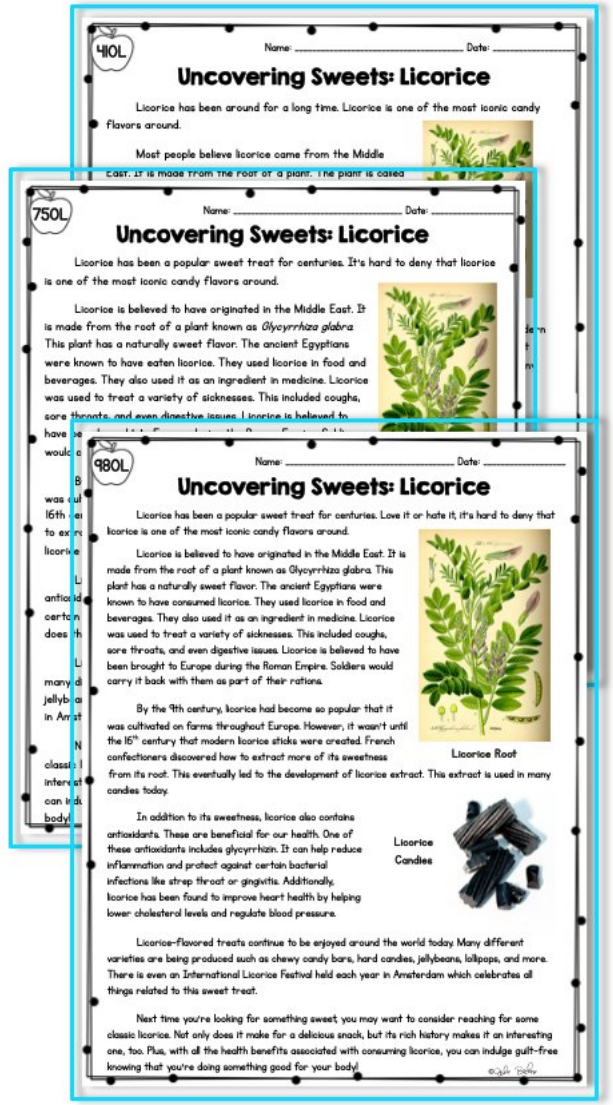
- 6 Interest Driven Topics
- Topics targeting a wide range of student interests
- Designed to get students engaged in reading!

DIFFERENTIATED LEVELS

- Passages are Lexile leveled and differentiated on 3 levels.
- Passages span 2nd – 5th Complexity bands.
- Levels span 420L-1010L

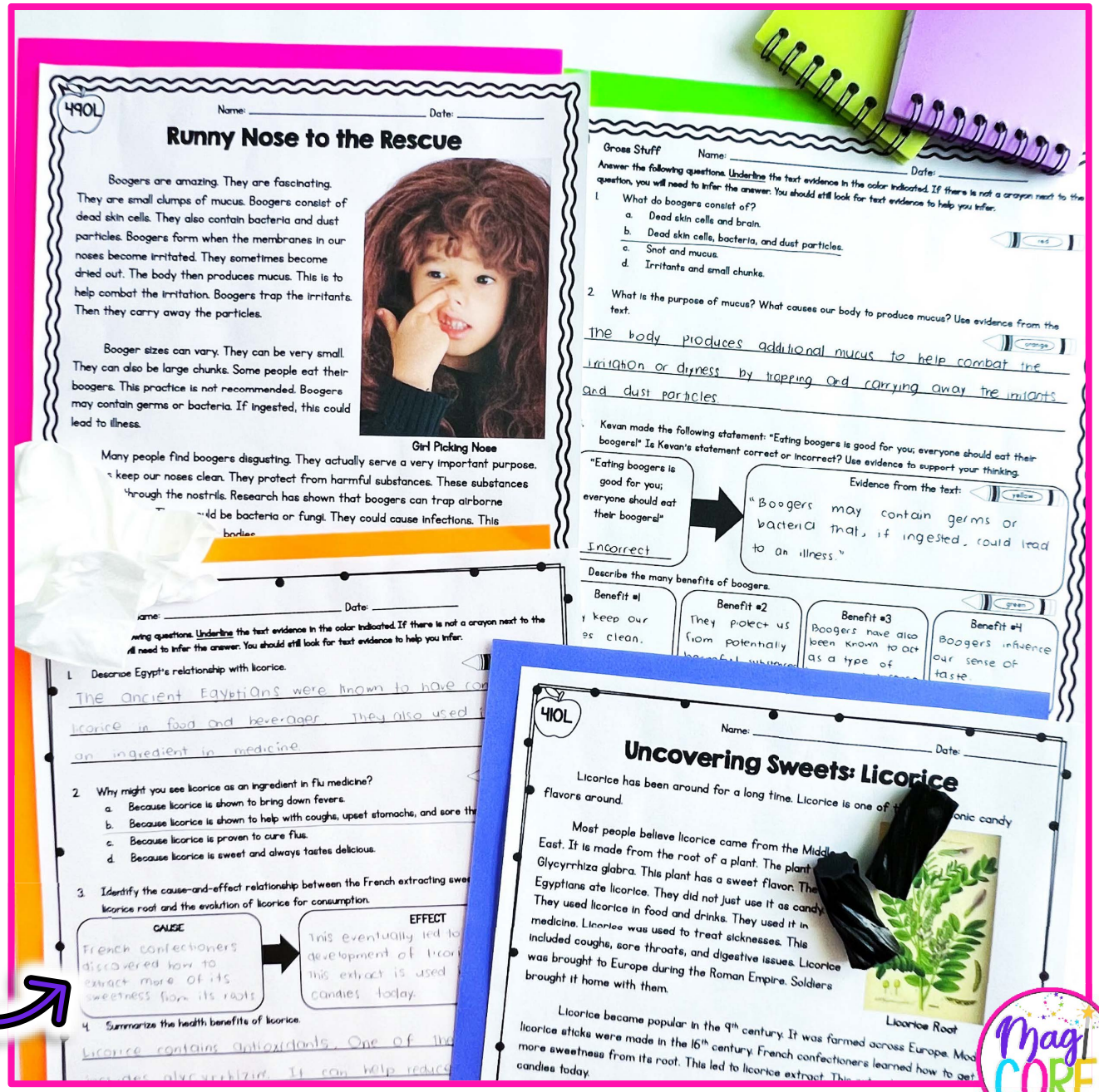
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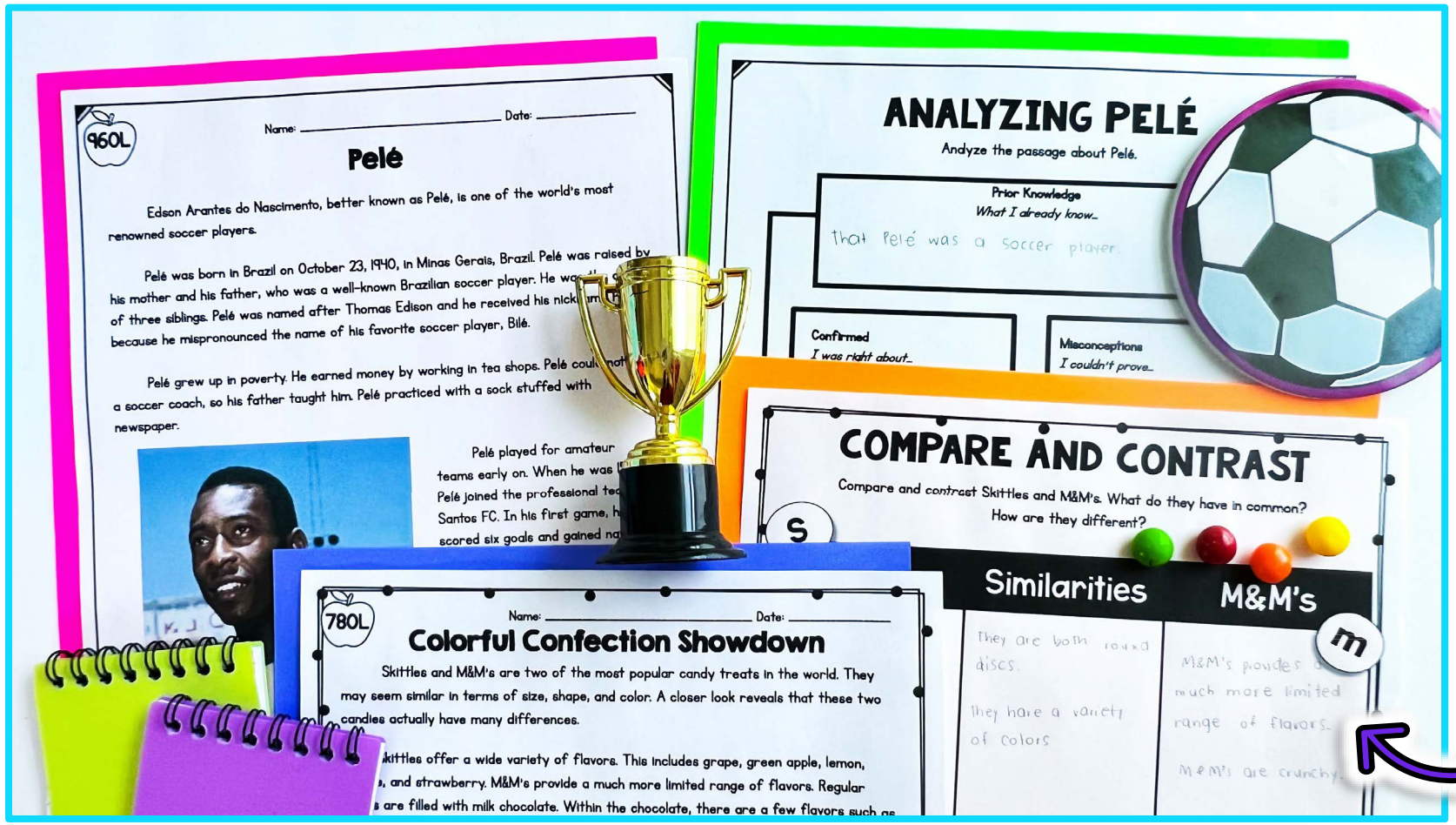


QUESTIONS

- Scaffolded questions increase in complexity
- Multiple choice, short answer, and graphic organizer-based questions
- Variety of comprehension skills
- Rigorous and research-based approach to questioning
- Color Coded answers encourage students to use text evidence

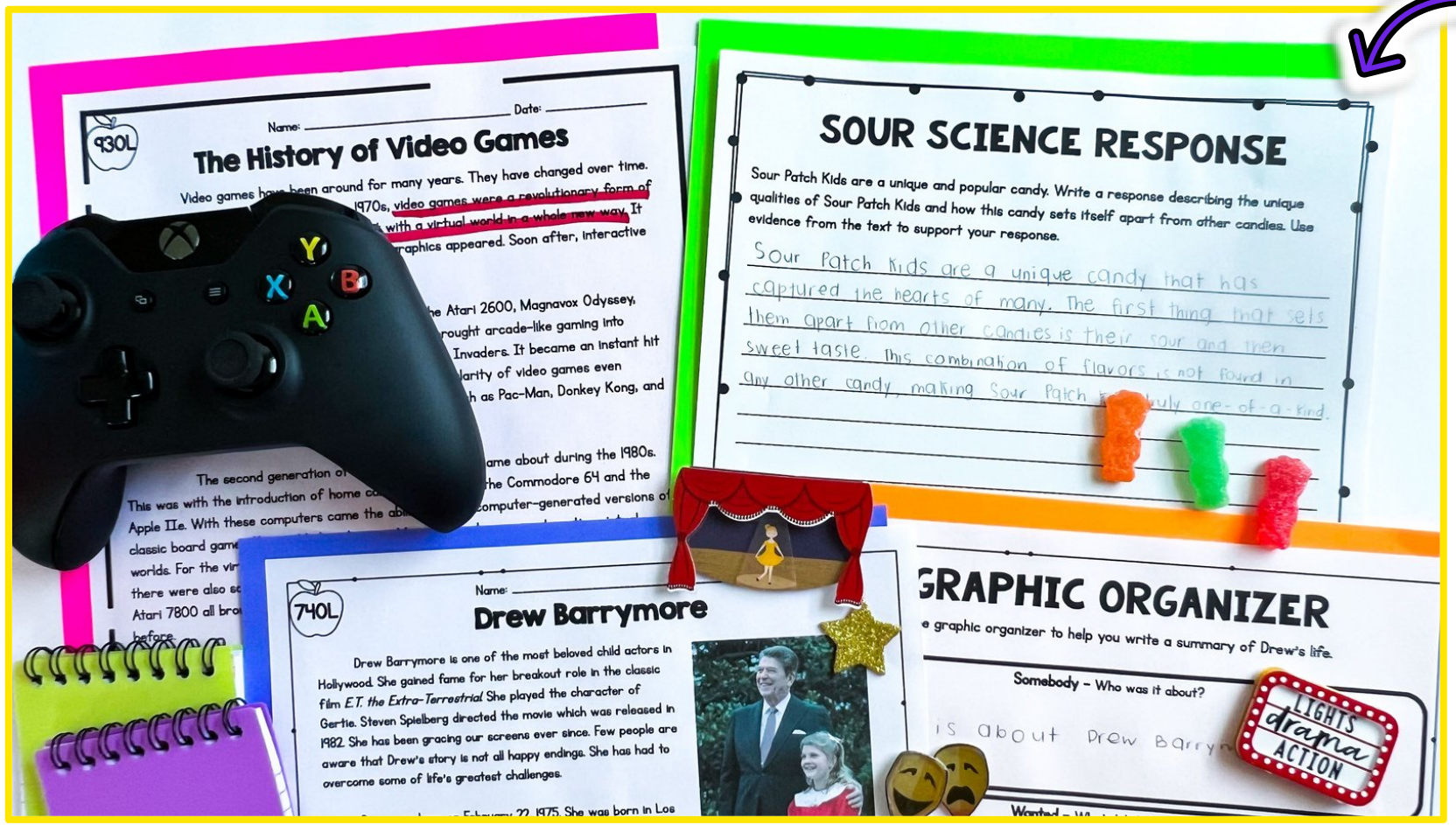


GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS



- Graphic organizers paired with each passage set
- Challenges students to go beyond the text

OPEN RESPONSE



- Students analyze the text.
- Students use a variety of comprehension skills to respond to text-based tasks.
- Targets a range of standards-based skills.
- Pushes students to go beyond the text.

WHY IT WORKS

- Engages even your most reluctant readers.
- Fosters excitement and investment around reading.
- Differentiated to meet all students' needs.
- Hits reading and writing standards
- Can be used to supplement a topic specific unit or research project.
- Use reading passages throughout the year to reinforce reading comprehension skills.



TAKE A PEEK

480L

Name: _____ Date: _____

The Goliath Tigerfish



The goliath tigerfish can weigh up to 110 pounds.

The goliath tigerfish is a strong predator. Few fish can match its scary looks. It is native to the Congo River Basin. It is an impressive species. It is a freshwater fish. Few other species in the world are similar. It can grow up to five feet long. It can weigh up to 110 pounds. That's about as heavy as a newborn calf!

The goliath tigerfish has a unique look. It is recognizable. It has unique fin patterns and stripes. These run down either side of its body. Its mouth has 32 sharp teeth. Each one is shaped like a razor blade. It has very powerful jaws. It can take on prey nearly twice its own size. It has even been known to attack humans. It only attacks when threatened.

Its hunting behavior is just as scary too. A goliath tigerfish sneaks up on its prey. It uses camouflage while hunting. It tries to blend its body into its environment. It lies in wait for prey. It waits for the right time to move. Then, it attacks with lightning speed and accuracy. It's an amazing sight to see.

780L

Name: _____ Date: _____

The Goliath Tigerfish



The goliath tigerfish can weigh up to 110 pounds.

When it comes to fierce predators, few fish can match the goliath tigerfish. Its species is native to the Congo River Basin. This predator is one of the most impressive species of freshwater fish in the world. It can grow up to five feet long and weigh up to 110 pounds. That's about as heavy as a newborn calf!

A goliath tigerfish is instantly recognizable due to its appearance. It has distinctive fin patterns and stripes running down either side of its body. Its mouth is filled with 32 sharp teeth. Each one is shaped like a razor blade. Its powerful jaws can take on prey nearly twice its own size. It has even been known to attack humans if it feels threatened.

The goliath tigerfish's hunting behavior is just as scary as its appearance. It is an ambush predator. It uses its camouflaged body while hunting. It lies in wait for unsuspecting prey. Once it makes a move, it attacks with lightning speed and accuracy. It's an amazing sight to see as it takes place underwater.

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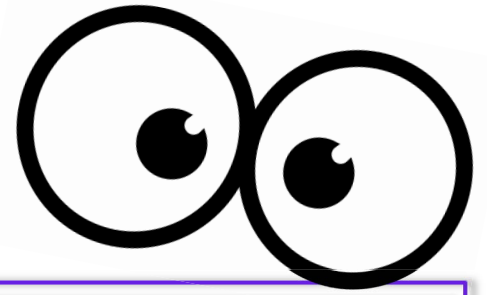
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MagiCORE

AND ANOTHER PEEK



Candy Name: _____ Date: _____

Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color indicated. If there is not a crayon next to the question, you will need to infer the answer. You should still look for text evidence to help you infer.

1. What was a major contributor to the popularity of Sour Patch Kids? (red)
   a. The marketing strategy from Canada's Concord Confection Company.
   b. The cutting-edge commercials.
   c. Its chewy texture.
   d. Its combination of flavors.

2. Explain the purpose of the "special molds" used in the Sour Patch Kids production process. (orange)

3. What happens to the liquid after it is poured into the molds? What happens to the state of matter? (yellow)

4. Describe how Sour Patch Kids achieve their tart and then sweet flavor in production. Use details from the text in your response. (green)

Tart Flavor	Sweet Flavor

5. Read the following paragraph from the text. What can you determine based on these details? (blue)
"Sour Patch Kids are sorted and packaged in brightly colored bags. Then they are shipped off to stores. Sour Patch Kids are shipped around the world."
   a. Sour Patch Kids are a rare commodity.
   b. Sour Patch Kids are popular everywhere.
   c. Sour Patch Kids are tart and sweet.
   d. Sour Patch Kids are not very tasty.

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Candy Name: _____ Date: _____

Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color indicated. If there is not a crayon next to the question, you will need to infer the answer. You should still look for text evidence to help you infer.

1. What did Cadbury make for its primary business before developing solid chocolates? (red)

2. How did Cadbury Dairy Milk get its name? (orange)
   a. Richard Cadbury started separating the milk fat from the chocolate.
   b. The chocolate was dairy-free.
   c. Richard Cadbury started selling his chocolate exclusively to dairy farmers at first.
   d. Richard Cadbury started adding dairy to his chocolates.

3. Examine the cause-and-effect relationship between Cadbury's addition of dairy to its chocolates and the company's growth and success. (yellow)

CAUSE	EFFECT	EFFECT

4. Describe the specific evolutions in Cadbury chocolate in 1905 and after. (green)

Cadbury began adding dairy to its chocolate.			

5. How does Cadbury stay relevant and interesting as a chocolate brand? Use evidence from the text to support your response. (blue)

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Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color indicated. If there is not a crayon next to the question, you will need to infer the answer. You should still look for text evidence to help you infer.

1. Where was the cotton candy machine introduced? (red)
   a. Europe
   b. The World's Fair
   c. China
   d. A circus

2. Why did Italian candy makers call their version of cotton candy "Angel's Hair"? (orange)

3. Describe the origins of cotton candy. (yellow)

4. Describe the impact of the 1897 cotton candy machine. (green)

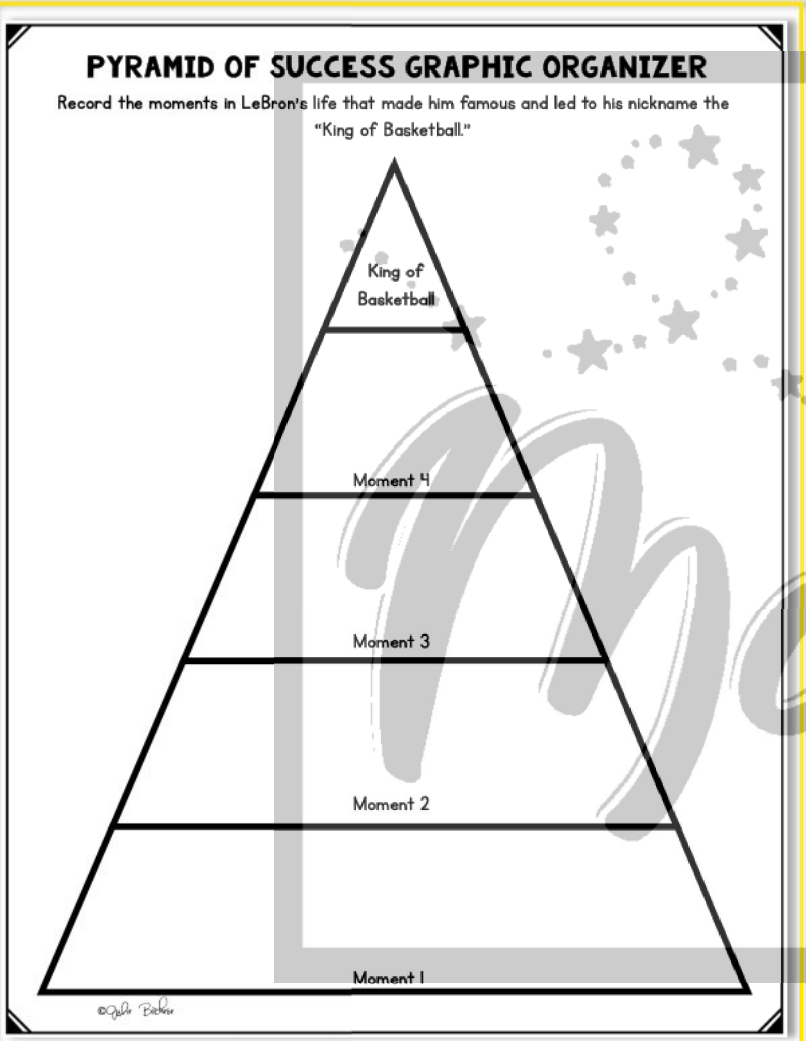
5. Identify innovations seen with cotton candy in modern times. (blue)

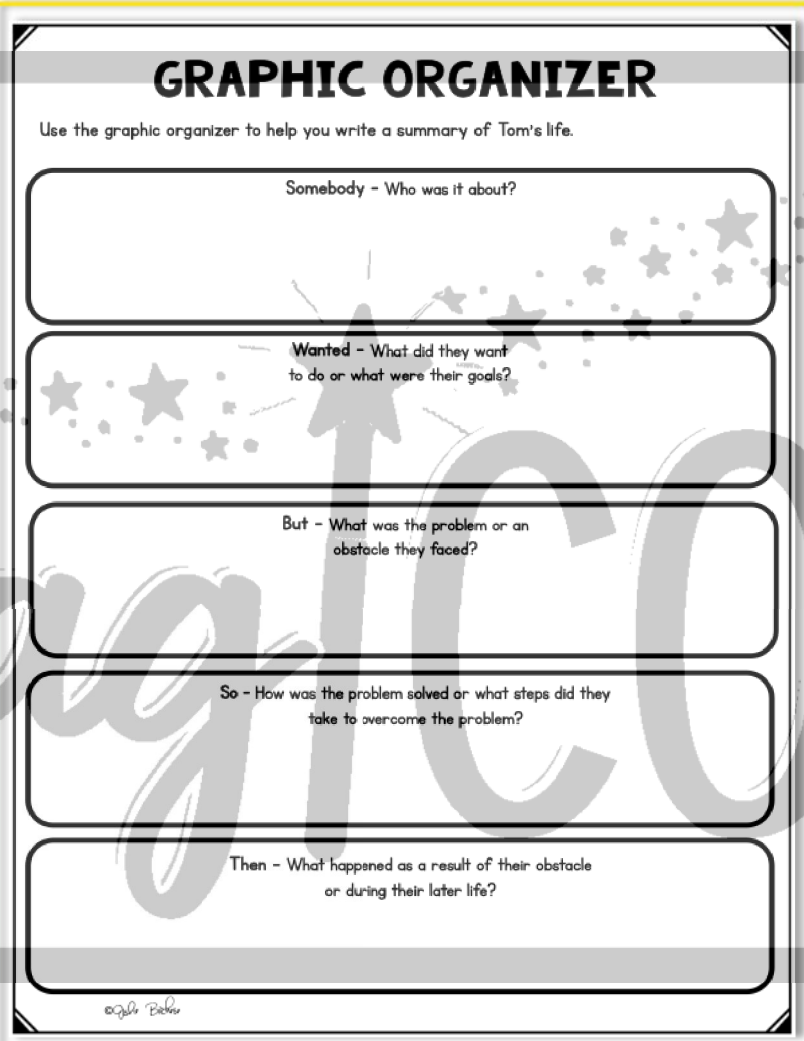
Innovation 1	Innovation 2	Innovation 3	Innovation 4

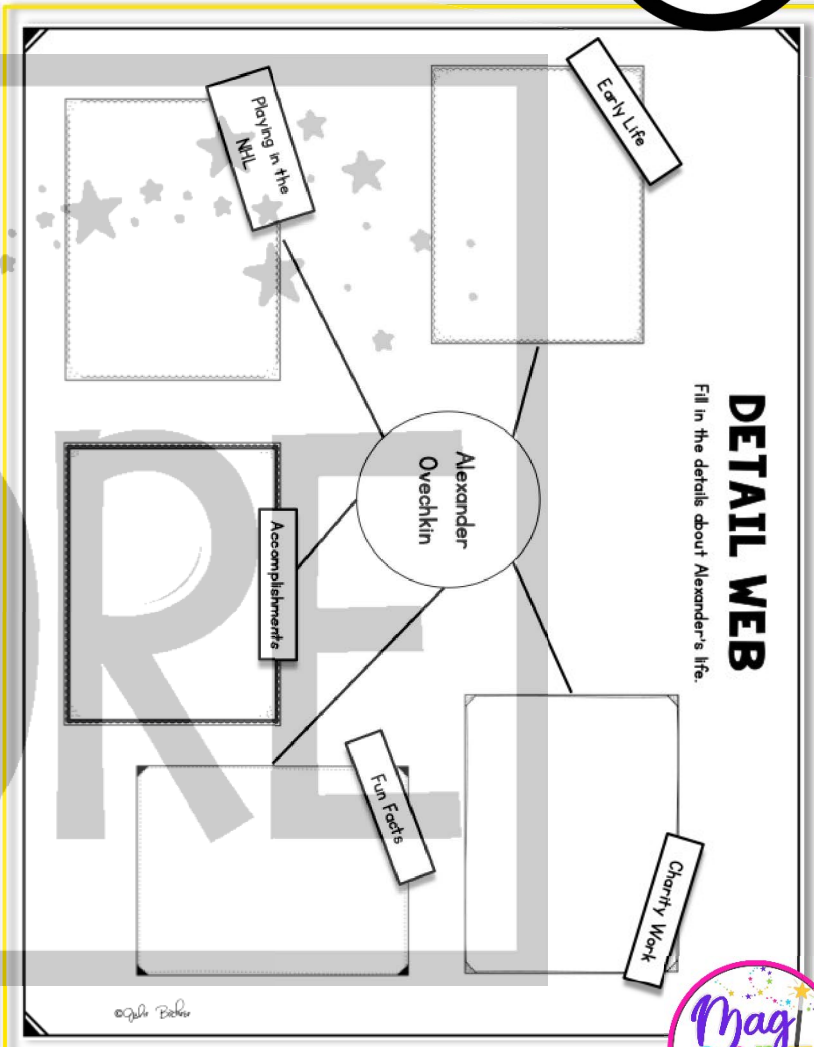
6. Describe the look, feel, and taste of cotton candy according to the text. (purple)

Magic CORE

CHECK THIS OUT TOO!







MagiCORE

AND THIS!

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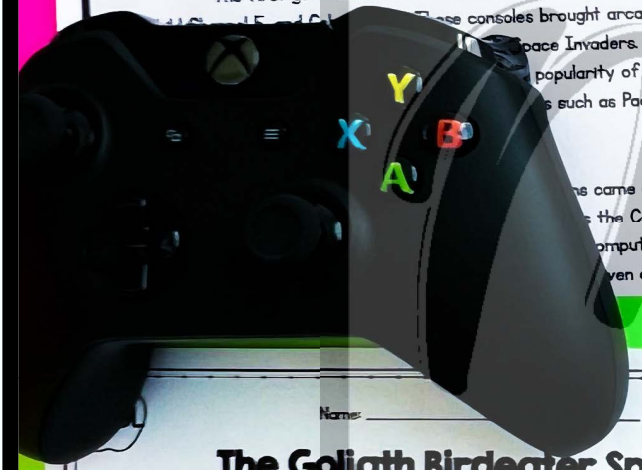
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The History of Video Games

Video games have been around for many years. They have changed over time. Starting as simple games like Pong in the 1970s, video games were a revolutionary form of entertainment. They allowed users to interact with a virtual world in a whole new way. It was not until later that more sophisticated 3D graphics appeared. Soon after, interactive worlds with complex storylines developed.

The first generation of consoles were the Atari 2600, Magnavox Odyssey, [illegible] These consoles brought arcade-like gaming into [illegible]pace Invaders. It became an instant hit [illegible] popularity of video games even [illegible]s such as Pac-Man, Donkey Kong, and [illegible]

[illegible]s came about during the 1980s. [illegible]: the Commodore 64 and the [illegible]omputer-generated versions of [illegible]ven create entire virtual [illegible]



960L

Name: _____ Date: _____

Pelé

Edson Arantes do Nascimento, better known as Pelé, is one of the world's most renowned soccer players.

Pelé was born in Brazil on October 23, 1940, in Minas Gerais, Brazil. Pelé was raised [illegible] his mother and his father, who was a well-known Brazilian soccer player. He was the old[illegible] of three siblings. Pelé was named after Thomas Edison and he received his nickname Pel[illegible] because he mispronounced the name of his favorite[illegible] Pelé.

Pelé grew up in poverty. He earned mo[illegible] Pelé could not [illegible] a soccer coach, so his father taught him. P[illegible] with [illegible] newspaper.



[illegible] amateur [illegible] when he was 15, [illegible] professional team, Santos FC. In his first game, he scored six goals and gained natio[illegible] attention.

SPUN SUGAR MAGIC RESPONSE

The commercial cotton candy machine had a significant impact on the development of cotton candy as a treat over time. Write a response detailing the significance of this impact. Examine the effect the invention had on cotton candy as a treat and how the invention has contributed to the popularity of cotton candy today.

Cotton candy is a beloved treat that has been enjoyed by people of all ages for decades. Its development and popularity have had a significant impact on the world of sweets and treats

Name: _____ Date: _____

The Goliath Birdeater Spider

The Goliath birdeater is one of the most fearsome spiders on the planet. It is a species in the tarantula family. It can be found in parts of South America such as Venezuela, Guyana and northern Brazil.

This arachnid has an intimidatin[illegible]



Gross Stuff Name: _____ Date: _____

Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color indicated. If there is not a crayon next to the question, you will need to infer the answer. You should still look for text evidence to help you infer.

1. What do boogers consist of?
   a. Dead skin cells and brain.
   b. Dead skin cells, [illegible] dust particles.
   c. Snot and mucu[illegible]
   d. Irritants and [illegible]

red

2. What is the purpose [illegible] text.

The body pr[illegible]

490L

Name: _____ Date: _____

Runny Nose to the Reso[illegible]

Boogers [illegible]



Name: _____ Date: _____

Daniel Radcliffe

Daniel Radcliffe [illegible] English actor. He is best known for his role in [illegible] series. Daniel played the main character. He starred in all eight instal[illegible] was born on July 23rd, 1989, in London, England. He was raised by [illegible] Gresham.

found his love for performing. He starred in [illegible]

Mag CORE