

WHAT'S INSIDE?

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every continent except Antarctica. Both frogs

and toads eat insects, spiders, and small fish.

They catch their prey with their sticky

PRINTABLE PDFs and DIGITAL Google Slides covering the 2nd and 3rd grade text complexity band with Certified Lexile Levels.



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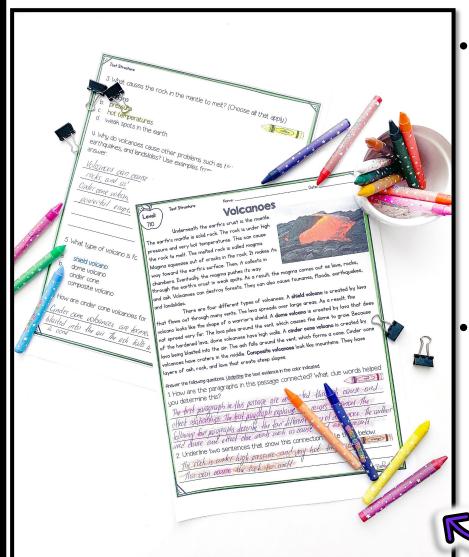


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- AND two assessments on nonfiction reading passages

Printable and **Google** Slides Included



20 NONFICTION PASSAGES



Learn in color!
Visual cues reinforce text evidence

Teachers
can
quickly
check
student
work.



 Variety of text structures to spark comprehension AND curiosity.

Dive into informational, historical, scientific, and biographical texts.

TEXT STRUCTURES

Passages cover the following text structures:

- Description
- Sequence and Chronological
- Cause & Effect
- Compare & Contrast
- Problem & Solution

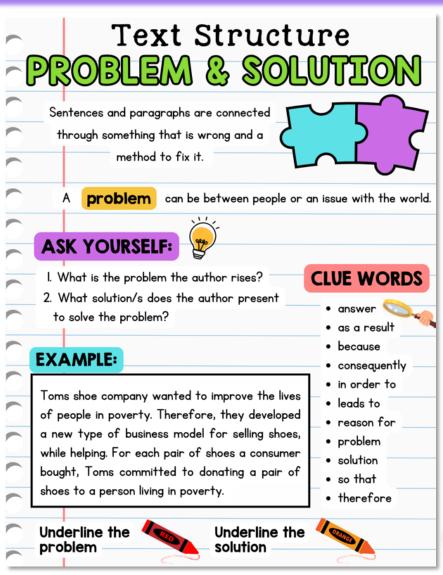


QUESTIONS

- Skill-focused, scaffolded questions
- Multiple choice and short answer
- Preps students for state testing
- Rigorous and researchbased approach to questioning



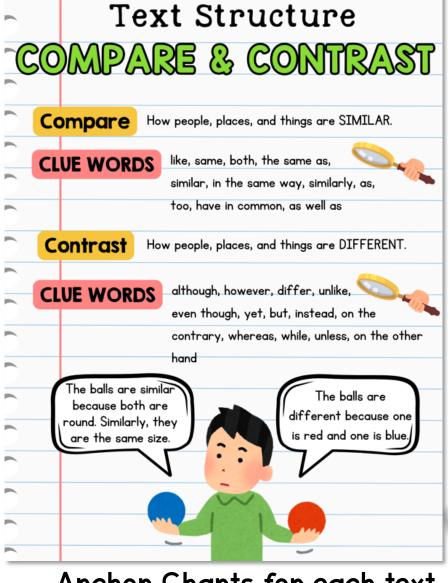
ANCHOR CHARTS



Anchor charts

- Overview of all text structures
- 5 Individual anchor charts for each text structure
- Use to introduce the skill
- Students
 reference
 throughout the
 unit





Anchor Charts for each text structure



MODEL PASSAGES & TEACHER DIRECTIONS

Unpacking Text Structure Standard RI38: Describe the logical connection between particular sentences and paragraphs in a text (e.g., comparison, cause/effect, first/second/third in a sequence). Unpacking th

sentences

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Scaffold Instruction With This Resource

has consistently demonstrated the positive impact of scaffolding techniques on students' learning outcomes. By providing targeted support and guidance and gradually decreasing assistance, scaffolding enables students to tackle challenging tasks and achieve higher

- Familiarize Yourself with the Resource: Review the resource thoroughly, which includes passages demonstrating logical connections such as comparison, cause/effect, and sequence between sentences and paragraphs. Understand the range of
- Introduce the Stall with Anchor Charte Utilize the anchor charts provided in the resource to introduce and explain different types of logical connections like cause and effect, comparison, and sequencing. Display these charts prominently in the classroom and use them during read-alouds and content lessons to reinforce learning. Ensure students have access to copies of
- Model and Think Abust: Select a passage that clearly flustrates logical connections between sentences or paragraphs, such as a cause leading to an effect or a series of events in sequence. Read it aloud to the class while thinking aloud to demonstrate how to identify these connections. Discuss the purpose of each connection and how it aids in understanding the overall text
- Guided Practice: Assign small groups or pairs of students specific passages from the resource. Encourage them to use the anchor charts as a reference to identify and discuss the logical connections within the passage. Guide them to articulate how
- Collaborative Discussions: Facilitate discussions where students can share how they identified the logical connections between parts of their texts. Encourage them to explain their process and how understanding these connections enhances their
- Independent Practice: Gradually transition students to working independently with different passages. Encourage them to rely on strategies they've practiced to identify and understand the logical connections between sentences and paragraphs
- Differentiations: Adapt instruction to meet diverse learning needs. Provide additional support to students who struggle with understanding text structure through targeted interventions or simplified practice passages. Challenge advanced students with
- mond! Use the assessments provided in the resource to evaluate students' ability to effectively identify and explain logical connections in texts. These assessments should help gauge both understanding and application of these skills in varied contexts.
- Review and Refeach: Analyze assessment outcomes to d

Unpack the standard

Prerequisite skills

How to use this resource.





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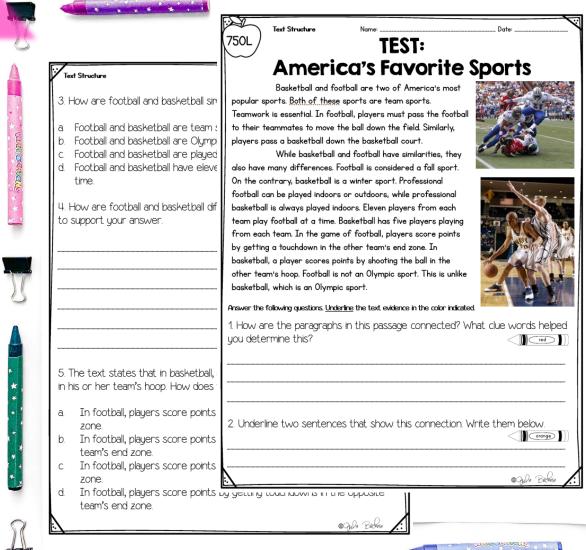
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Model text and questions

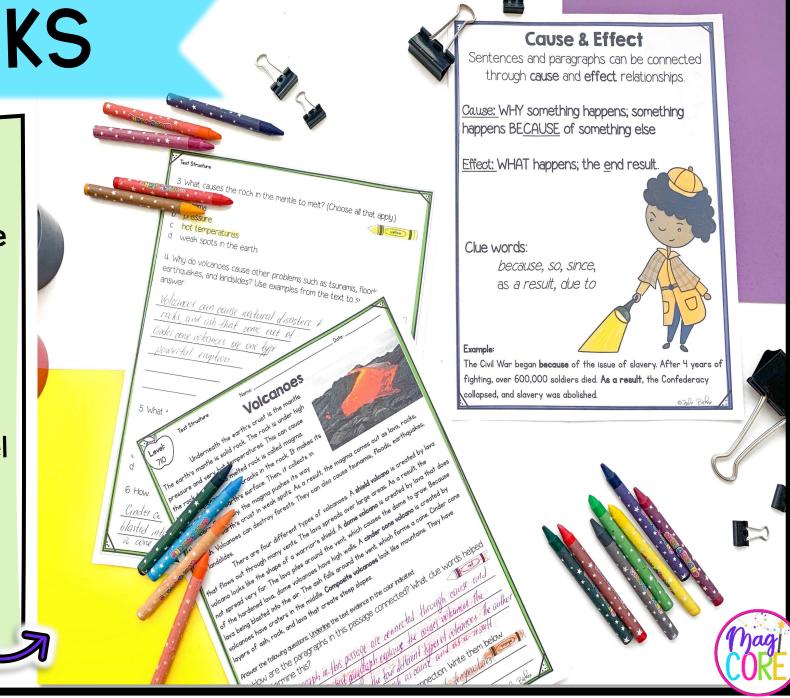
ASSESSMENTS.

- Same format as practice
- Two tests with different Lexile levels
- Color-coding
- Follows best practices for standardized assessments



WHY IT WORKS

- Certified Lexile measures
- High interest texts to motivate readers
- Cross curricular topics
- Scaffold approach will help your students meet grade level expectations.
- Classroom tested! Trusted by over 4,000 teachers... and counting!



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Research shows that wide reading has the biggest impact on student reading progress.



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Fun fact! From 2nd grade on, students make greater reading gains when taught from texts that are as much as two grade levels above their "instructional" reading level.

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

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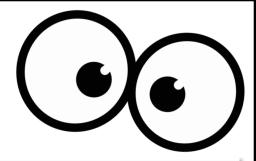
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Lexile® Bands Aligned to
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TAKE A PEEK



TEXT STRUCTURE

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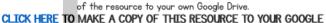
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	Grade Band	Lexile® Bands Aligned to Common Core Expectations
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	4-5	740L-1010L
	6-8	1185L-1385L

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Text Structure COMPARE & CONTRAST

Compare How people, places, and things are SIMILAR.

CLUE WORDS

like, same, both, the same as, similar, in the same way, similarly, as,

too, have in common, as well as

Contrast

How people, places, and things are DIFFERENT.

CLUE WORDS

although, however, differ, unlike, even though, yet, but, instead, on the contrary, whereas, while, unless, on the other hand

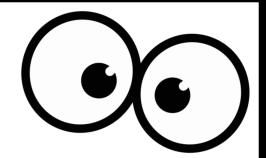
The balls are similar because both are round. Similarly, they are the same size.

The balls are different because one is red and one is blue.





AND ANOTHER PEEK



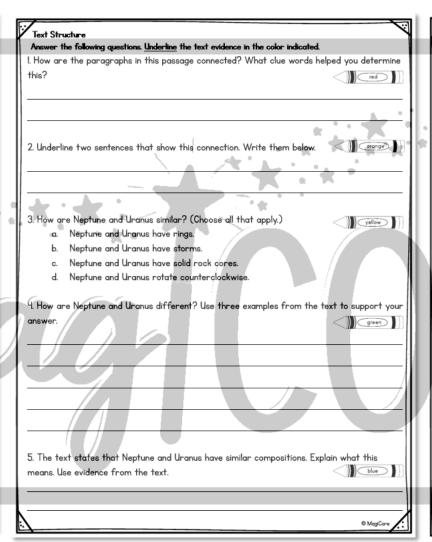


Neptune and Uranus are sister planets. They have many similarities. Neptune and Uranus are similar in size. Both planets have the same composition. They are made up of the same materials. Neptune and Uranus have solid rock cores. Each core is about the size of Earth. Liquid water that is thousands of miles deep surrounds the core. Above the liquid water is a layer of liquid metallic hydrogen. The atmospheres of Uranus and Neptune are made up of hydrogen, helium, and methane. The temperatures are very similar. Also, Uranus and Neptune both have rings.

Uranus



Neptune and Uranus also have differences. While both planets have rings, the rings around Uranus are large and thick. On the contrary, Neptune's rings are hard to see. Unlike Uranus, Neptune has many storms. The winds on Neptune are the fastest in the solar system. Neptune rotates counterclockwise, unlike Uranus, which rotates on its side. Uranus has 27 moons, while Neptune has 13 moons.





Political parties are groups of people who have common goals when it comes to politics. The Democratic and Republican Parties are the two largest political parties in the United States. These two parties have different viewpoints on

topics.

Democrats are considered to be the more liberal party. This means that they are open to new ideas and opinions. They usually support equal rights. Democrats want to ensure that all citizens are cared for, even if they are unable to contribute to society. Democrats usually support helping needy people. This often means increasing taxes for everyone else. They also support laws that help the environment. They believe that the government should make laws to better society.



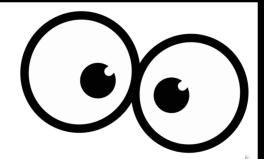


Elephants represent the Republican Party. Contrary to Democrats, Republicans are considered to be the more conservative party. This means that Republicans have traditional values. Unlike Democrats, Republicans are usually less open to changing traditions such as marriage and religion. They support the rights of businesses. Republicans believe that the government should not make major decisions for people. Republicans support lower taxes. They believe that lower taxes make people spend more money. This makes the economy stronger.

Democrats and Republicans have different viewpoints. Despite these differences, we all want what is best for our country.

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CHECK THIS OUT TOO!





Text Structure

Name: _____ Date: _

Black Rhinoceroses

Black rhinoceroses live in the eastern and central parts of Africa. They are critically endangered. This means that they have a very high risk of becoming extinct.

In the early 1900s, people settled in Africa from Europe. These people killed black rhinos for food. They sometimes killed them for fun. Today,

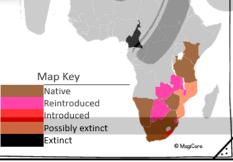
hunters continue to kill black rhinos. Hunters kill black rhinos for their horns. The horns are made of ivory. Ivory is valuable. These horns sell for \$30,000 per pound. From 1970 to

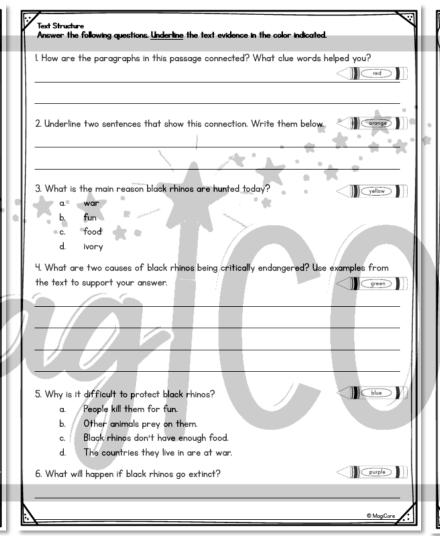
1992, 96% of the black rhinos in Africa were killed for their horns. Many of the countries these animals live in are at war. This makes it difficult for black rhinos to be protected.

Population of Black Rhinoceroses



There are about 5,000 black rhinos left today. It is important that we save black rhinos. Without them, the ecosystem will change. Black rhinos eat plants. If they go extinct, this will affect the plant population. This will cause other animal species to be impacted.







The decade of the 1920s was a time of wealth. Many Americans moved to cities in hopes of finding jobs. This made cities in America thrive. While the cities were doing very well, rural areas began to struggle. Farmers were very poor. As a result, stock market prices dropped on September 4, 1929. The stock market is a place where ownership in companies is bought and sold. People began to distrust the stock market. Many sold their stocks.

On October 29, 1929, the stock market crashed. Due to the stock market crash, many people lost a lot of money. Some people lost everything they owned. Many companies went out of business. This caused many people to lose their jobs. People were unable to find jobs, so they became homeless. About half of the children in the United States did not have enough food or shelter. Many people became very sick. Because of the crash, trading with other countries decreased. Other countries were soon affected by the Great Depression. Most countries did not recover from the Great Depression until after World War II.



A Crowd Outside of a Bank After Its Failure

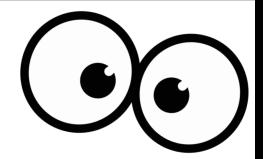


School in Alabama in 1935



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UPGRADE THEIR SKILLS!





Text Structure

TEST: Benjamin Franklin

Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston, Massachusetts in 1706. He had 16 siblings. Benjamin stopped going to school when he was only ten. He continued to learn by reading. When Benjamin was 12, he worked with his brother as a printer.

At age 17, Benjamin ran away to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1728, Benjamin became the publisher of a newspaper. Benjamin used the newspaper to write about his opinions.



In addition to being an author, Benjamin was an inventor. One of Benjamin's most famous inventions was the lightning rod. The lightning rod was the beginning of his studies of electricity.

Benjamin also holds historical importance in the development of our country. In 1776, Benjamin was chosen to be one of five people to develop the Declaration of Independence. Benjamin also became an abolitionist. An abolitionist believes in freeing slaves.



problems due to his obesity. On April 17, 1790, Benjamin died. being a Founding Father of the United States. His inventions have also impacted how we live.



As Benjamin grew older, he had many health About 20,000 people went to his funeral. Benjamin Franklin had a large impact on our world. He will always be remembered for

Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color indicated. I. How are the paragraphs in this passage connected? What clue words helped you? 2. Underline two sentences that show this connection. Write them below. 3. What did Benjamin Franklin do right after he went to school? a. Benjamin became a Founding Father b. Benjamin became an author. c. Benjamin became an inventor. d. Benjamin worked as a printer. 4. Identify three of Benjamin Franklin's major accomplishments in the order that they occurred green blue 5. What happened to Benjamin Franklin at the end of his life? 6. How did Benjamin help America? (Choose all that apply.) purple He became a printer. He ran away from home. He became an abolitionist He signed the Declaration of Independence.



Basketball and football are two of America's most popular sports. Both of these sports are team sports. Teamwork is essential. In football, players must pass the football to their teammates to move the ball down the field. Similarly, players pass a basketball down the basketball court.



While basketball and football have similarities, they also have many differences. Football is considered a fall sport. On the contrary, basketball is a winter sport. Professional football can be played indoors or outdoors, while professional basketball is always played indoors. Eleven players from each team play football at a time. Basketball has five players



playing from each team. In the game of football, players score points by getting a touchdown in the other team's end zone. In basketball, a player scores points by shooting the ball in the other team's hoop. Football is not an Olympic sport. This is unlike basketball, which is an Olympic sport.

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