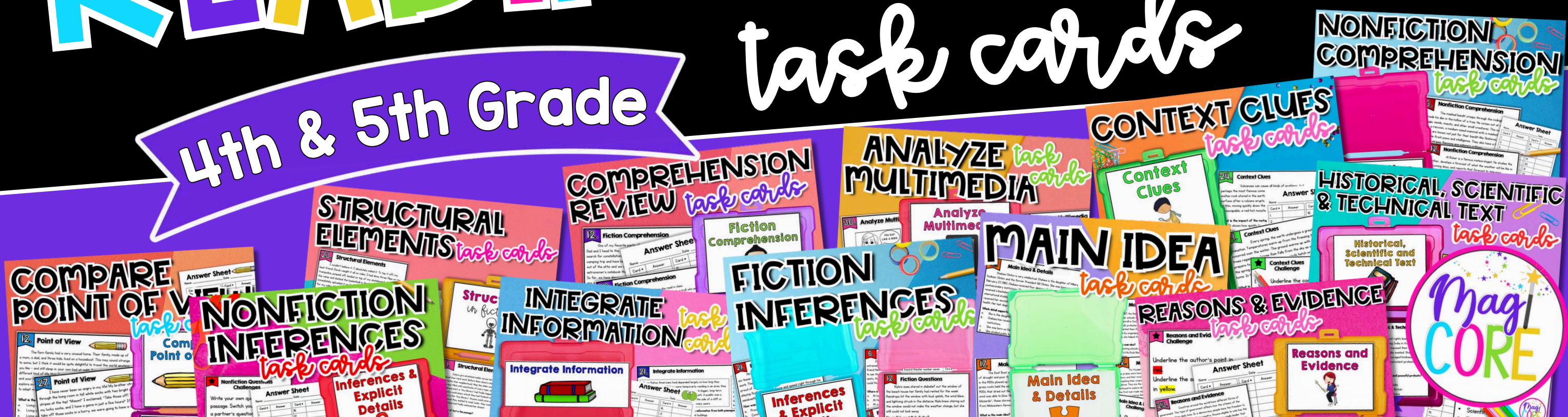




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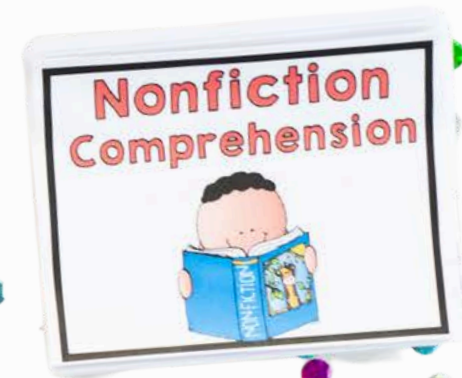
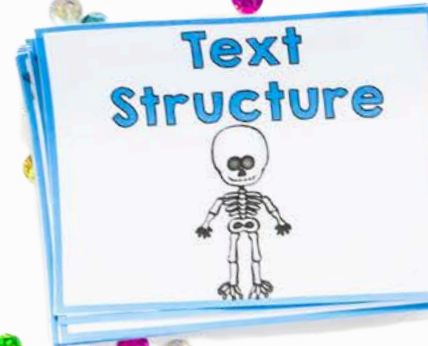
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Questions

Compare & Contrast Nonfiction Text Structure



I. Compare Text Structure

There were many important events that occurred during the beginning of World War II. On September 1, 1939, Adolf Hitler, the leader of Germany, invaded Poland. During the following year, Hitler enacted a series of strikes against different areas of Europe while attempting to seize power. On September 22, 1940, the Axis alliance was created. This was an agreement to unite made by Germany, Italy, and Japan, among whose primary opponents were Russia and the United States.

World War II lasted for six terrible years, and the last year of the war resulted in a significant loss of life. On December 16, 1944, Germany lost the infamous "Battle of the Bulge," which resulted in Germany's ultimate defeat in the war. On May 7, 1945, Germany surrendered to the Allies, the countries that were united against Adolf Hitler. Just three months later, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, killing thousands.

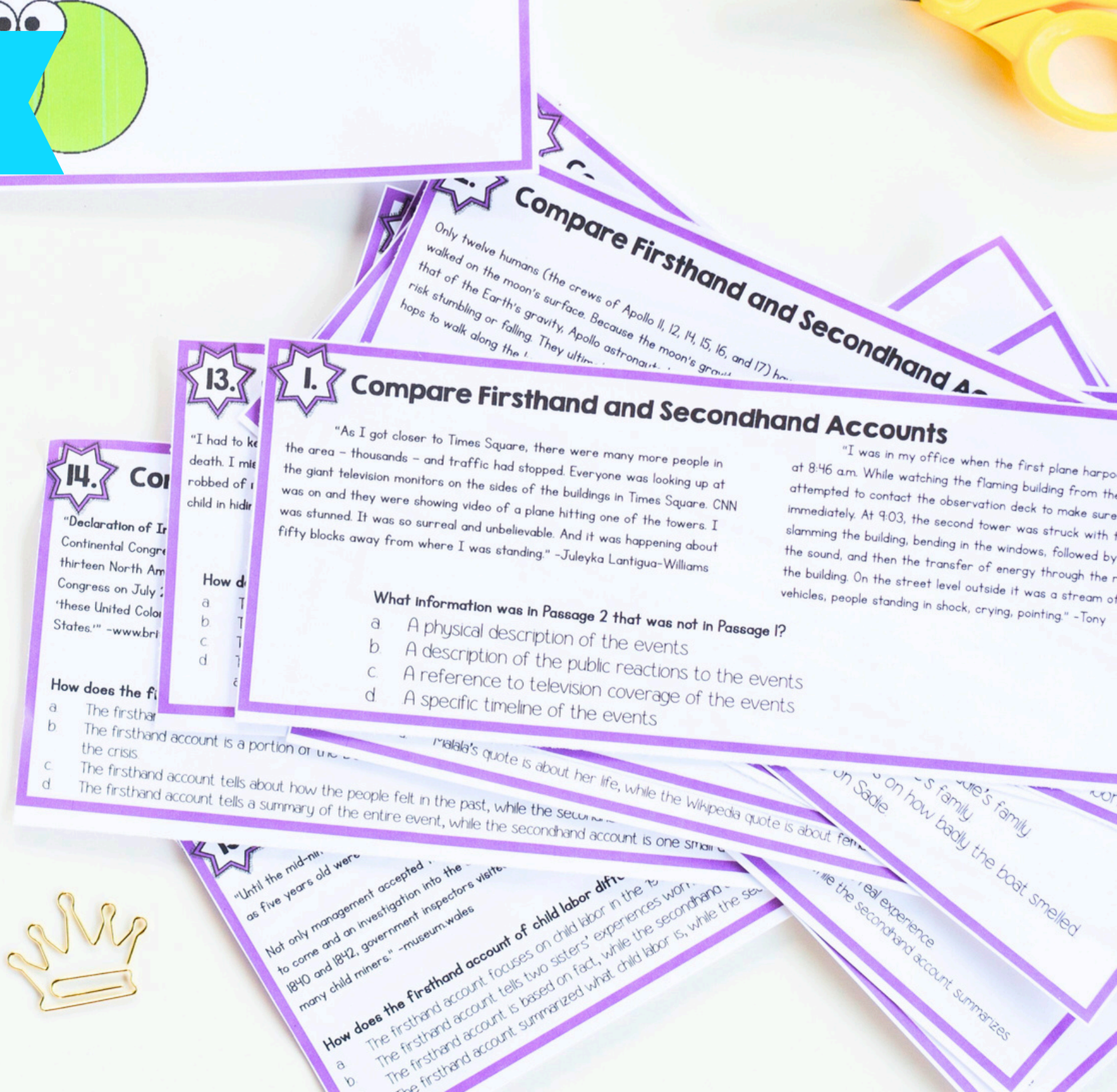
How is the structure of the passages similar?

- a Both compare two sides of a conflict.
- b Both explain the reasons behind an event.
- c Both describe a cause and effect.
- d Both list events in chronological order.

Questions are written with a variety of questions stems that meet state testing specifications and best practices.

Multiple Choice

Multiple choice questions for quick grading or student self-checking.



Structures & Genres

Wide range of
text structures
and text genres.

9. Parts of Stories, Dramas & Poems

Chapter 1
It was Eleanor's first time to stay home alone. Her parents had gone to a party and would be back a few hours later. She turned on the TV and started to watch a movie.

Chapter 2
Eleanor heard the rain pounding on the window as she watched the movie. Then all of a sudden, "BOOM!" went the thunder.

What event will most likely take place in chapter 3?

- Eleanor will go outside in the rain.
- Eleanor will go to bed.
- It will begin to snow.
- The power in Eleanor's house will go out.

11. Parts of Stories, Dramas & Poems

When I was just four,
Life was such a bore.

But now I'm five,
And life is good! Now I feel alive!

What is the first stanza about?

- When the narrator was four
- When the narrator was five
- When the narrator was three
- When the narrator felt alive

10. Parts of Stories, Dramas & Poems

Characters
Shelby Squirrel, Buddy the Brown Bear, Ollie Ant

Setting
A park on a cool fall day with tall trees. Leaves of orange, red and yellow fall from the trees

This text is most likely part of a _____?

- Poem
- Story
- Drama
- Show

12. Parts of Stories, Dramas & Poems

Chapter 1
The lightning flashed across the dark sky. Janie was walking home from school, and the raindrops started to fall.

Chapter 2
Then, the raindrops began to turn from drops of water into drops of paint. Red, blue, and purple paint dotted Janie's raincoat.

What is the most likely reason the author organized this story into chapters?

- To help the reader sequence the events.
- To describe how to use water to create paint.
- To put the steps of painting in order.
- To make the story longer.

1. Problem/Solution

Kim got new roller skates for her birthday. She went out to the driveway and put them on right away. As soon as she stood up, she fell down. Her dad ran out and helped her up and said, "Hold on, Kim! Let me help you!"

Kim said, "I can do it myself." She pushed off and fell forward and skinned her knees. She started to cry. Her dad said, "Let's try it holding hands."

Her dad held her and held both of her hands, and she skated very slowly. She said, "I can do it now." Kim and her dad were ready to try it herself. She was skating!

2. Problem/Solution

Laura's class was working on math problems. Mrs. Rodgers went over to Danny and said, "Great job, Danny. You can pick a prize from the prize box." Laura was disappointed because she wanted a prize from the box too.

She went home and was sulking. She said, "Danny got a prize, and I didn't. It's not fair!"

Laura's mom said, "I know you're jealous, but you can work hard for a prize, too. Tomorrow, try your best and do your work neatly. Then, see what happens."

The next day, Laura did all her math problems and checked them twice to see if they were right. She erased a few to make sure all her numbers looked perfect. Mrs. Rodgers walked around and said, "Laura! I can tell you're working hard. Go pick a prize." Laura was proud of herself.

What is the problem?

What is the solution?

4. Problem/Solution

Ralph was a house cat who loved to have the house to himself all day. He laid on the windowsill and sunbathed. He batted at his toys and climbed his cat tower. One day, his owner brought home a new kitten named Vinny. Vinny was very playful and liked to jump on Ralph. Ralph did not like to be jumped on while he was sunbathing. Vinny clawed up Ralph's favorite toys. Ralph did not like having Vinny in the house. He jumped on top of the couch to try to ignore him. Vinny jumped up to cuddle with him. Ralph didn't like pouncing, but he did like the cuddling. Then, at dinner, Vinny didn't eat tuna, and Ralph got to finish it. Ralph definitely liked that. He started to think, "Maybe I can get used to this new cat."

What is the problem?

What is the solution?

13. Determine Genre

It was a rainy day, so Max wanted to go outside and jump in puddles. He put on his raincoat and went to put on his rain boots. When he went into the shoe bin, there was only one boot there. Max did not know where the other boot was, but he needed to find it, or mom wouldn't let him splash in the puddles.

First, Max looked in the garage. He found his blue umbrella, which would be helpful on a rainy day. Next, he looked in the closet. He found a rain hat but still no missing boot. Then, he looked by the back door and saw muddy footprints going outside, so he decided to follow the tracks.

They led him outside to the shed. "Dad, what are you doing in here?" Dad said, "I'm just getting my tools out."

Then, Max noticed his missing boot on the ground. He said, "Thanks Dad. I never would have found this boot if it wasn't for you."

14. Determine Genre

Jan and Mel were out in the mountains searching for bears. They were prepared with their binoculars and hiking boots.

When they came up to a dark cave, Jan shined her flashlight in and said, "Think we should go in?"

Mel said, "Maybe just a little bit."

They peeked in slowly and heard a deep growl. Jan and Mel screamed and bolted out of the cave as fast as they could. They jumped over the bushes and ran through a clearing. They heard the growling coming up behind them. They knew they had to find a safe place fast.

They found a log and tried to squeeze in, but it was too small. Jan looked behind them, and the bear was in the clearing.

Mel said, "Quick! Jan! Run into the house!"

As they could, they ran into the cabin and closed the door tight. They looked out the window, the bear was gone. They were relieved.

What is the genre of this passage?

Determine Genre

arm sounded at the fire station, so the firemen ran to get their on his hard hat, coat and boots, and jumped onto the back of ready. The truck zoomed down Main Street, and the siren was

got to the fire, Fred grabbed a hose and started sawing window. It was hot, and the fire was blazing.

ed a voice yelling, "Please help Poppy! My cat is ed an axe and went to find Poppy. He broke use. There was smoke everywhere, and it h the hallway and heard a meow. Poppy w Poppy and ran from the house. Fred gav ank you for saving her!" t that everyone was safe!

What is the genre of this passage?

Engaging Topics

25. Reasons and Evidence

The idea of gummy candies was originally the idea of Hans Riegel. Gummy bears are now made a little differently than his original recipe. Thousands of bears are made at a time in factories. The main ingredient is gelatin. It is heated and mixed with flavoring and a few other ingredients to create a liquid substance. That mixture is poured into molds and given time to cool. The molds determine what size and shape the bears will be. Then, the bears are ready to be packaged and shipped to stores.

What reason does the author give to support how gummy bears will look?

- a. Molds are used to determine the size and shape.
- b. The original idea of gummy bears came from Hans Riegel.
- c. Thousands of gummy bears are made in factories.
- d. Gelatin is heated and mixed with ingredients to make them.

27. Reasons and Evidence

The world's smallest country, Vatican City, is located in Europe. The country's size is just under one-third of a square mile. It is surrounded by Rome, Italy. The population is about eight hundred people. Vatican City has a museum, post office, radio station, and banking system. All supplies have to be imported from neighboring countries. This small country sees millions of visitors each year.

main point?

try.

26. Reasons and Evidence

Woodpeckers get their name from the loud noises they make on trees throughout the woods. They peck on trees for survival. Many times, they are looking for bugs or sap to eat. They also peck on trees to make a home. Building a nest inside the tree keeps the birds safe from predators and the weather. Some woodpeckers may also be pecking to signal to others the territory belongs to them or to attract a mate.

What do woodpeckers?

1. Compare Two Stories

Country Mouse eyed the delicious spread of pastries and cakes on the table. Even though the family had finished dining, there was plenty left over to satisfy a mouse. It was just as his cousin Town Mouse had promised. Just as Country Mouse reached for a crumb, the family's cat came pouncing into the room. Town Mouse had never mentioned a cat!

What theme do these stories share?

- a. We have to face the difficulties in life bravely.
- b. The things we wish for don't always turn out the way we expect.
- c. The most important thing is to be who you are on the inside.
- d. Before you move to a new place, you should learn all about it.



2. Compare Two Stories

"These wings are held together with wax," Daedalus explained to his son, Icarus. "Be careful not to fly too high, or the sun will melt the wax and the wings will fall apart."

The two donned their wings and began their escape from the island. Icarus was good at flying, and he enjoyed the sensation. He flew higher and higher, until melted wax began to drip from his wings. All of a sudden, he fell through the air and crashed into the sea.

Which theme do these stories have in common?

- a. Flying is dangerous.
- b. Obey what you are told.
- c. Selfishness is evil.
- d. Gifts are not always what they seem.



1. Context Clues

John's music profession was off to a great start. It was his job every night to play the guitar in the cafe down the street.

What is a synonym for the word profession?

- a. Music
- b. Job
- c. Play
- d. Exercise



3. Context Clues

The superhero always works hard.

2. Context Clues

The teacher gave examples of pine trees at recess for their

What is an antonym for accumulate?

- a. Gather
- b. Label
- c. Throw away
- d. Look at



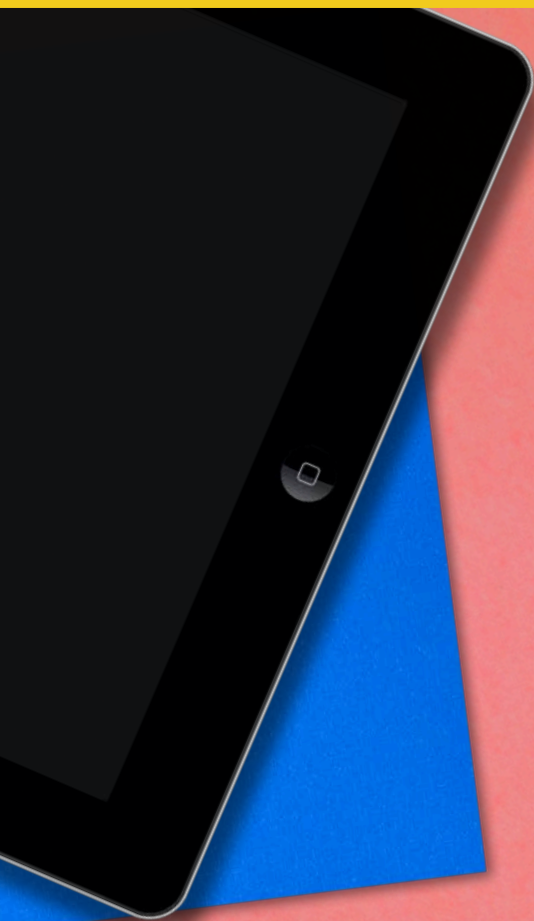
Historical, Scientific and Technical Text



1. Historical, Scientific & Technical Text

Mahatma Ghandi was a famous civil rights leader in India. He started off as a lawyer but ended up helping India in its fight for independence from the British. The British imposed their rules on the country and ignored what the people of India wanted. Ghandi helped to fight back without using violence. He encouraged kindness and peace among his people by organizing strikes and nonviolent protests. As a result, India gained its independence in 1947.

Multi-Use



Answer Sheet

Name: _____

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Analyze Multimedia



12. Analyze Multimedia

Watch the video using the code below:



★ Analyze Multimedia Challenge

Review each task card. What is another visual or multimedia format the author could use to portray the information? How would it change the presentation?

30. Analyze Multimedia



What is the meaning of the tone does the comic create?

1. Analyze Multimedia

1. Read the poem, "The Bells" by Edgar Allan Poe here: 

2. Listen to the recording of the poem, "The Bells" by Edgar Allan Poe here: 

How does the audio recording contribute to the meaning, tone and beauty of the poem?

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