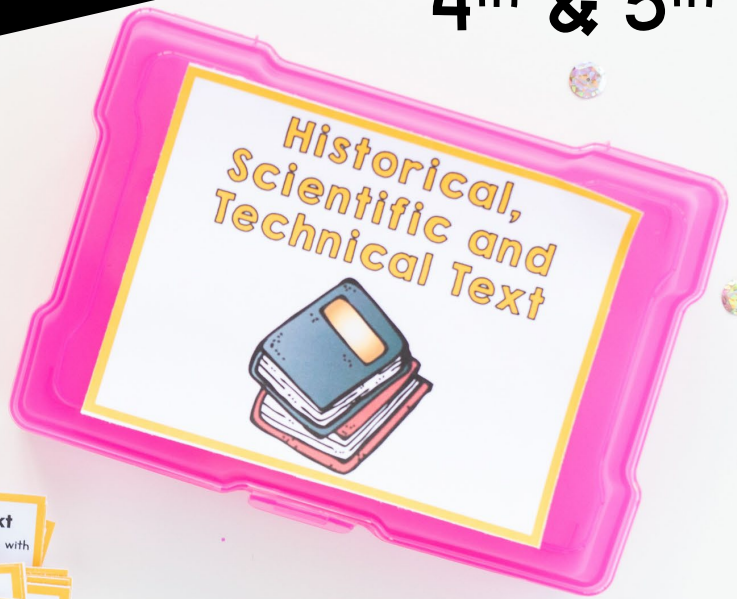
HISTORICAL, SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL TEXT task cards

4th & 5th GRADE



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 blocks. 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. 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.

What explains why Ghandi organized strikes and peaceful protests?

a. To become a famous civil rights leader
b. To impose his own rules on the people of India
c. To fight for India's independence from the British
d. To use his experience as a lawyer to help others

2. Historical, Scientific & Technical Text

Have you ever wondered why the sky is blue? So have a lot of scientists! The light from the sun might look white, but it actually has all the colors of the rainbow. The sunlight that hits the earth is scattered, or spread, in all directions due to gasses and air particles. Red light has long, large waves and is difficult to scatter. Blue light is unlike other light because it has shorter, smaller waves. This makes the blue in the sunlight easier to scatter, making it more visible than the other colors. That's why the sky looks blue!

According to the passage, what causes the sky to be blue?

a. Blue light has short waves that scatter easily.
b. The sunlight has all the colors of the rainbow, including blue.
c. The sun appears white so that the sky will appear blue.
d. The colors in the rainbow combine to make blue.

3. Historical, Scientific & Technical Text

There are many ways to share information with others using technology. One way to share is to screenshot information from your phone. A screenshot is a picture of what is on your screen. To do this, follow these steps: 1) Press and hold the volume down or up button. 2) Press the power button while still pressing the volume button. 3) Wait for the screen to flash, ensuring that a picture is taken. 4) Find the screenshot in your photos. 5) Send the photo to others.

What should you do after pressing the power button?

a. Find the screenshot in your photos.
b. Press and hold the volume button.
c. Send the photo to the person you want to share it with.
d. Watch for the screen to flash.

4. Historical, Scientific & Technical Text

From 1957 to 1959, the United States and Soviet Union were involved in a competition to explore space. This was later called the Space Race because both countries wanted to be the first to put a person on the moon. Each country recruited its top scientists to work on this. In 1961, the Soviet Union was the first to put a man in space. The Americans were embarrassed and put all their effort into getting a man on the moon. The United States achieved this in 1969 when Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the moon.

What explains why the Americans were embarrassed?

a. They wanted better scientists to work on the Space Race.
b. The Soviet Union beat them by putting a man in space.
c. The United States wanted to put a man on the moon.
d. The Soviet Union put Neil Armstrong on the moon in 1969.

Answer Key

Card #	Answer
1.	C
2.	A
3.	D
4.	B
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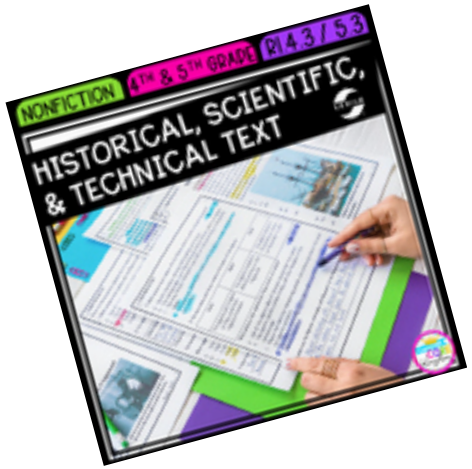

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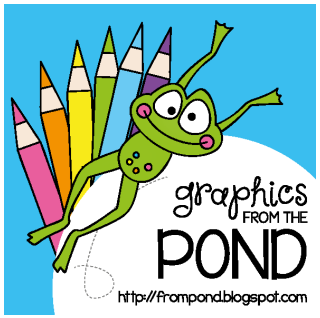
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