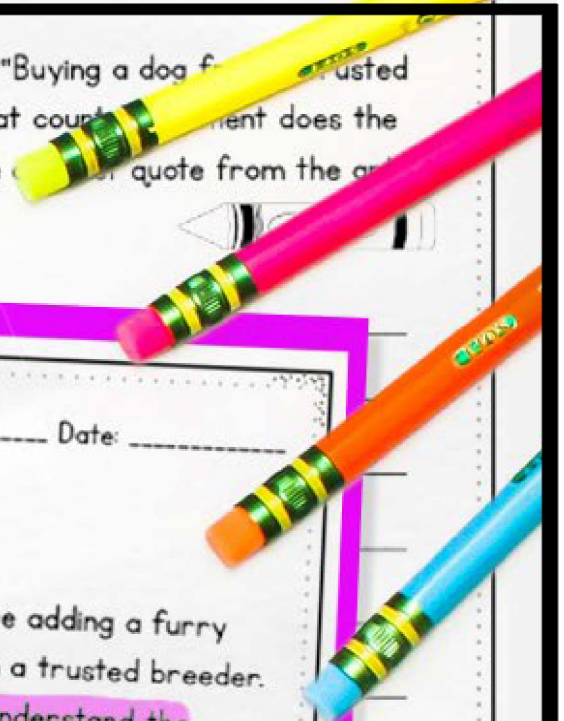


COMPARE & CONTRAST LEXILE topics

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- a. "By adopting, you save a life."
- b. "A dog is a great addition to a family!"
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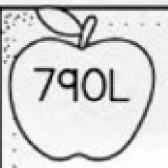
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They will ensure that you are getting the best puppy possible. They will help you to help train your new puppy. Some breeders will even recommend vets to take your puppy to. When you purchase a puppy from a breeder, you are getting a purebred dog.

Buying a dog from a breeder can mean that you are getting a purebred dog. Purebred dogs usually need small apartments. Some people need certain dog breeds. A breeder offers you the opportunity to choose a breed that fits your lifestyle.



790L Compare/Contrast Points of View Name: _____ Date: _____

Adorable Adoptions

A dog is a great addition to a family! They are lovable companions that can add quality to your life. Where should you get a dog from? The answer is simple. Adopting a dog is a great choice for any pet lover. People looking to get dogs should adopt from shelters or rescue organizations. Shelters and rescue organizations can only hold so many dogs. By adopting, you save a life. You also

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Buying a dog from a trusted breeder ensures that you are getting a purebred dog. Purebred dogs have predictable physical traits. Buying from a breeder can mean that you get a dog that is the right size for you. People living in small apartments usually need small dogs. People with big back yards often want larger dogs. Some people need certain dog breeds because of allergies. Purchasing from a breeder also offers you the opportunity to meet the puppy's parents. This is an excellent indicator of what your puppy will grow up to be like.

In addition to predictable physical traits, purchasing from a dog breeder makes certain that you are getting a purebred dog with predictable behaviors. Mutts are mixes of various breeds. This means that you never know what the dog's temperament will be. If you purchase a purebred dog from a breeder, you will know the breed. You will be able to research the dog temperament that is right for you. For example, poodles and Jack Russell Terriers are known for being hyperactive. This is not best for everyone. Golden Retrievers are known for being intelligent and friendly.

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Salary Caps Are Detrimental

Salary caps are unfair and unnecessary. These caps prevent athletes from earning the money they deserve. Professional sports would be better off without salary caps. Professional athletes make more money than average workers. The professional sports industry brings in billions of dollars in profits. These profits, like jerseys, are sent home the way fans do keep them as keepsakes. Some fans even buy more than one jersey.


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c "Professional sports would be better off without salary caps."
d "Professional athletes make more money than average workers."

900L Compare/Contrast Points of View Name: _____ Date: _____

Salary Caps Are Beneficial

Many people play sports as their hobbies, but professional athletes play for their living. Most professional athletes make millions of dollars a year. Professional athletes make more money in a year of playing games than most people make in a lifetime of working. Therefore, professional sports should have a limit to the money they can pay professional athletes. Salary caps help keep games equally matched. This helps keep professional sports entertaining for fans.



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870L Compare/Contrast Points of View Name: _____ Date: _____

Is Paying Students for Grades a Good Idea?

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Compare/Contrast Points of View
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d. "Fourth graders can earn up to \$250 a year, and fifth graders can earn up to \$500 a year."

4. Which idea would the author of "Is Paying Students for Grades a Good Idea?" agree with? (Choose all that apply.)

a. Schools can't afford to pay students for grades.
b. Paying students for grades will prepare children for the real world.
c. Paying students for grades will help them learn better.
d. It is important to teach kids to be motivated by their own interests.

Compare/Contrast Points of View
5. The author of the article "Is Paying Students for Grades a Good Idea?" states, "Grades help us know how well students are performing, but teaching work ethics is more important." What counterargument would the author of "Setting Students up for Success" use for the argument? Use a direct quote from the article to support your answer.

6. Which article do you agree with? Use at least two reasons either from the articles or of your own to support your thinking.

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ASSESSMENTS

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

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2. Which sentence from "Learning Beyond the School Day" shows the author's view on homework?

a "Homework takes effort."
b "Many students who do not do homework are at a disadvantage."
c "Dr. Cooper says that homework is beneficial."
d "Homework can be a positive experience if it is done correctly."

3. Which sentence from "Learning Beyond the School Day" shows the author's view on homework?

a "School is a vital part of a child's life."
b "Students who do not do homework are at a disadvantage."
c "Although school is a vital part of a child's life, it can also be stressful."
d "Homework may have some negative attributes, but it is necessary for a child's education."

4. Which idea would the author most likely agree with?

a Homework should be eliminated.
b Homework should be reduced.
c Homework should be increased.
d Homework should be optional.

880L Compare/Contrast Points of View Name: _____ Date: _____

TEST: Academics During School

School is a vital part of a child's life for everyone. Students need it to learn and improve skills. However, it can also be stressful for some students. They need to relax.

880L Compare/Contrast Points of View Name: _____ Date: _____

TEST: Learning Beyond the School Day

Many students and parents moan at the thought of homework. Homework takes effort from students and parents. There is a reason that homework is prevalent. Homework can improve a student's success in school. Because of this, parents and students should make homework a priority.

Students who complete homework tend to be more willing to put in extra effort toward learning. According to researchers from Germany, homework assignments do more than just improve a student's academic performance. Completing homework assignments has been linked to increased student motivation. These studies found that students who took homework seriously were more responsible. The study also showed that students who did not put much effort into homework were not as likely to be successful in school. This proves that homework is good for a student. It improves work ethic and increases motivation.

Homework helps a student gain a better understanding of core subjects. This better understanding increases a student's confidence in school. This is especially true when compared to students that don't do their homework. In addition to better understanding, homework assignments can also help improve study habits.

Having homework assignments helps both students and parents understand that learning can take place at home, as well as at school. Homework provides an opportunity to know what their children are learning. It also aids parents in understanding their children's academic strengths and weaknesses. Homework assignments help parents know what their children are learning.

Homework is also linked to high academic achievement. Dr. Harris Cooper, supports the assigning of homework. He says that high-achieving students who did homework had higher unit test scores than students who did not. Dr. Cooper analyzed dozens of studies on whether homework improved a student's ability to pass tests. The effectiveness showed a positive correlation between homework and test scores.

Homework is good for students. It may not be very fun, but it is necessary for a good education. Homework develops great study habits, while also

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Many people argue that buying from breeders is better because they want particular breeds. This is no reason to buy. There are rescue groups for most dog breeds. If you have your heart set on a certain breed and you can't find a rescue organization near you, many organizations will transport dogs. What about if you don't care about a purebred dog? There are tons of options for you! There are many unique mixtures of breeds. Who wants their dogs to look ordinary anyways? By adopting a dog, you can select the temperament and age of your dog. Many people love skipping the puppy stage and adopting dogs that are already house-trained!

Adopting a dog is significantly cheaper than purchasing from a breeder. On average, adopting from a shelter or rescue organization is \$100. Shelters will also run free adoption specials when they are overcrowded. In addition to having a small fee, most adopted dogs come spayed or neutered and with all their vaccinations. This is a huge money saver! Buying a dog from a reputable breeder can cost about \$1,000. Plus, you must pay for spaying and neutering, as well as the vaccinations.

If you're looking to add a furry friend to your family, adoption is the best choice!



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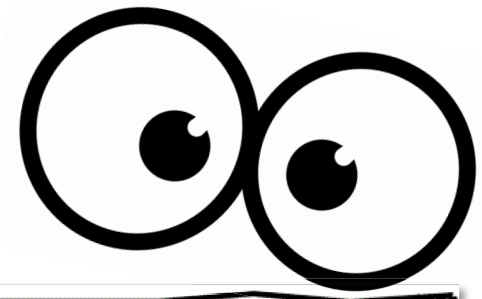
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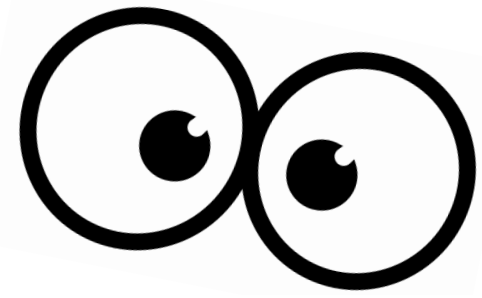
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AND ANOTHER PEEK



870L

Compare/Contrast Points of View Name: _____ Date: _____

Is Paying Students for Grades a Good Idea?

Most children love preschool and kindergarten because they get to be with other children, play games, sing songs, and listen to stories. Many older students don't like school as much as they did when they were little. In upper grades, the work is more difficult. Older students get homework and need to study to earn good grades. Some schools are paying students for good grades to motivate them. Students are working just like adults, and adults are paid to go to work each day. Is this really a good idea? Is school about learning, or is school about grades?



There are many reasons why students don't get As or Bs. Math might be difficult for a student because his or her parents are unable to help him or her study at home. A student might have trouble reading because he or she has a learning disability. A student may work very hard and practice every day after school, but he or she only earns a C in reading. Another student may have been reading since he or she was four years old. The work for some is quick and easy, and they always get As. If we pay for grades, we may be rewarding someone who is not working very hard and punishing someone who is working hard to overcome a challenge. This sends the wrong message to students.

Albert Einstein, a famous scientist who had a learning disability, once said, "Everyone is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid." It is not fair to judge everyone by only his or her grades. It is important that we are working hard and learning every day. To be successful, how hard you work is more important than being naturally talented.

Grades help us know how well students are performing, but teaching work ethic is more important. Everyone is different. We do not all learn to do things at the same time or at the same age. It is not a good idea to pay students for grades. We need to teach children how to gain self-esteem and confidence through hard work.

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Compare/Contrast Points of View Name: _____ Date: _____

Setting Students up for Success

Adults go to work every day to earn paychecks. Without these paychecks, many adults would not have the motivation to go to work. Why should this be different for children? Paying children to go to school will give them the motivation to achieve. This will help schools, teachers, parents, and, most importantly, students.

A school district in Missouri paid students \$100 if they had perfect attendance. This incentive motivated more students to be at school every day. When students go to school every day, they learn more.

The New York City SPARK program pays fourth and seventh graders for high achievement on math and reading tests. Fourth graders can earn up to \$250 a year, and seventh graders can earn up to \$500 a year. Some schools that participate in this program have seen a growth of 40 percent on state tests. Higher test scores benefit students, teachers, parents, and schools.

Some schools in Chicago participate in the Paper Project. This program pays students for good grades. Students receive half of their reward money every six weeks. The other half is given to them after they graduate high school. On average, students earn \$800 every year. Students can earn up to \$2,000 per year! Not only does the Paper Project encourage students to achieve high grades and graduate, but the banks that participate teach kids how to manage bank accounts.

Paying students for their school performance motivates them to do well. It is important for children to learn so that they can be successful in college and their careers. Earning money also helps teach students to manage money. Paying for school performance is a win-win for all involved.



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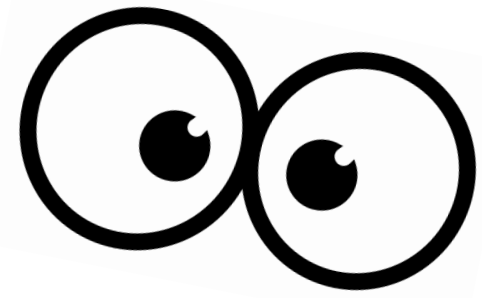
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4. Which idea would the author of "Is Paying Students for Grades a Good Idea?" most likely agree with? (Choose all that apply.)

- Schools can't afford to pay students for grades.
- Paying students for grades will prepare children for real life.
- Paying students for grades will help them learn how to manage money.
- It is important to teach kids to be motivated by things other than money.

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CHECK THIS OUT TOO!



760L

Compare/Contrast Points of View Name: _____ Date: _____

Don't Skip the Meat

By Phyllis Sutton, worker at the National Beef Packing Company



Be sure to grill up plenty of meat!

Summer is just around the corner, which means pool parties, beach days, and best of all- barbecues! Nothing beats hearing the sizzle of hamburgers on the grill or the smell of hot dogs in their buns. When you barbecue this summer, don't forget to eat meat in every meal. Meat is very important for our health and our bodies were made to eat meat in order to get the nutrients and energy that we need to survive.

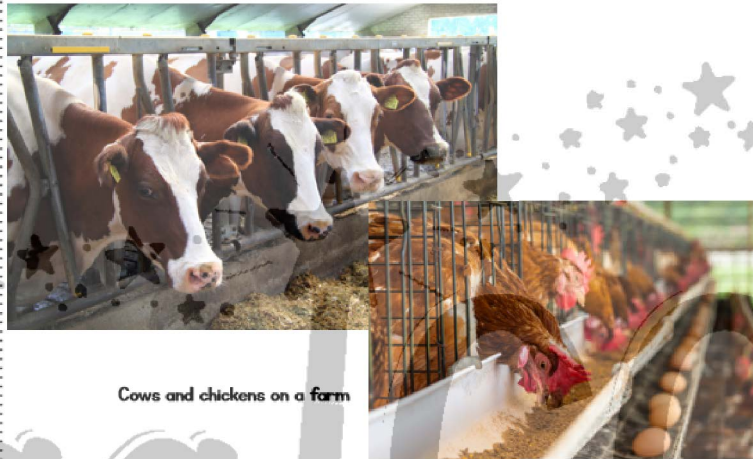
Our bodies were designed to eat foods like beef and chicken. Unlike animals that only eat vegetables, humans have special equipment to help us eat meat. First of all, humans have special teeth called incisors that help tear meat apart. Only animals that eat meat have these special teeth. Our stomachs are also built for eating meat. Plants are harder to break down than meat. Animals that only eat plants need larger stomachs to help break down their food. Animals that eat meat, like humans, can have smaller stomachs because we don't have to break down as many plants. All of this proves that humans were made to eat meat.

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Compare/Contrast Points of View Name: _____ Date: _____

Save the World- Skip the Meat



Cows and chickens on a farm

Did you know that there are more chickens, cows, and pigs in the world than there are humans? The average American eats more than 270 pounds of meat every year. However, many people don't realize the harmful effects of eating meat. By eating meat every day, we are hurting the environment, harming our health, and supporting farms that mistreat animals.

Meat is bad for the environment. Farm animals pollute our water and soil. The manure from farms gets into rivers and lakes, contaminating the water with bacteria. Another reason why meat is bad for the environment is that it causes climate change. According to a study published by the Worldwatch Institute, 51% of global greenhouse gas emissions come from farms. Greenhouse gases trap heat in our atmosphere. This makes Earth hotter. Raising farm animals also wastes a lot of water. PETA claims that you need more than 2,400 gallons of water to make just one pound of beef. Finally, natural habitats are being destroyed to create more room for farms. This causes wild animals to lose their homes. These are all reasons why meat is bad for the environment.

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| Don't Skip the Meat | Save the World- Skip the Meat |
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2. Which sentence from "Don't Skip the Meat" best shows the author's point of view on eating meat?

- a. "Foods like coffee or cookies can give you short-term energy, but it will go away really quickly."
- b. Our bodies were made to eat meat in order to get the nutrients and energy that we need to survive."
- c. "Summer is just around the corner, which means pool parties, beach days, and best of all- barbecues!"
- d. "However, according to the World Health Organization, more than 30% of people don't get enough iron in their diets."

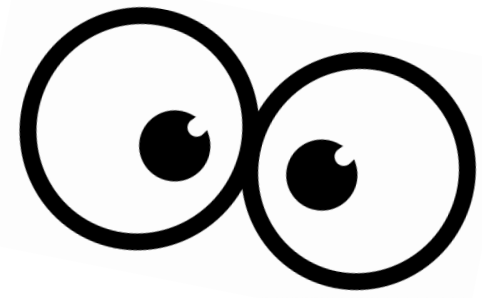
3. Which sentence from "Save the World- Skip the Meat" best shows the author's point of view on eating meat?

- a. "Farm animals pollute our water and soil!"
- b. "The average American eats more than 270 pounds of meat every year."
- c. "Did you know that there are more chickens, cows, and pigs in the world than there are humans?"
- d. "By eating meat every day, we are hurting the environment, harming our health, and supporting farms that mistreat animals."

4. The author of "Don't Skip the Meat" is a worker at the National Beef Packing Company. How does her position likely influence her point of view?

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TEST: Learning Beyond the School Day

Many students and parents moan at the thought of homework. Homework takes effort from students and parents. There is a reason that homework is prevalent. Homework can improve a student's success in school. Because of this, parents and students should make homework a priority.



Students who complete homework tend to be more willing to put in extra effort toward learning. According to researchers from Germany, homework assignments do more than just improve a student's academic performance. Completing homework assignments has been linked to increased student motivation. These studies found that students who took homework seriously were more responsible. The study also showed that students who did not put much effort into homework were not as likely to be successful in school. This proves that homework is good for a student. It improves work ethic and increases motivation.

Homework helps a student gain a better understanding of core subjects. This better understanding increases a student's confidence in school. This is especially true when compared to students that don't do their homework. In addition to better understanding, homework assignments can also help improve study habits.

Having homework assignments helps both students and parents understand that learning can take place at home, as well as at school. Homework gives parents an opportunity to know what their children are learning. It also aids parents in learning more about their children's academic strengths and weaknesses. Homework increases parental involvement.

Homework is also linked to higher test scores. Duke University professor, Harris Cooper, supports the assigning of homework. He states, "In my studies, the average student who did homework had higher unit test scores than the students not doing homework." Dr. Cooper analyzed dozens of studies on whether homework is beneficial. Each study confirmed that homework improved a student's ability to pass tests. These studies on homework effectiveness showed a positive correlation between homework and achievement.

Homework is good for students. It may not be very fun, but it is incredibly important for a good education. Homework develops great study habits, while also improving productivity later in life.

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TEST: Academics During School

School is a vital part of life for everyone. Students need it to learn and improve skills that will be used later in life. Although school is important, it can also be stressful for students. Students work hard during the school day and need the time after school to relax and unwind. Unfortunately, many teachers choose to assign homework for students to do outside of school hours. Homework may cause unnecessary stress, lack of sleep, and other negative attributes. Homework should not be assigned.

Homework is a prime cause of stress in students. A survey led by Cheung & Leung-Ngai found that homework caused stress, anxiety, and headaches. Students in the survey reported that one cause of this stress was due to punishment for not completing homework. This punishment was given by both parents and teachers. These students who were stressed had symptoms of depression. 22% of students surveyed who said that depression was caused by punishment also said that it was enough for them to miss school regularly. It was determined that 89% of American students felt stressed about homework. The study also found that sleep deprivation was high in students. Some students claim to only get around six and a half hours of sleep due to homework. This is less than the eight hours recommended by doctors. This makes it clear that homework can cause too much stress for many students.

Homework can cause conflict at home, as well. Students who fail to complete homework have lower grades. This failure to complete homework contributes to conflict at home. High school students reported spending more time completing homework than performing home tasks. Alfie Kohn, an American author and lecturer in education, argued that homework can create family conflict and reduce students' quality of life. Many students reported that their homework disrupted their ability to participate in extracurricular activities. This shows that homework assignments can cause conflict outside of school.

Homework isn't always good for students. The stress it causes students is unnecessary. This stress can lead to loss of motivation. Pressure on students can cause a negative outlook on school in general. Assigning homework should be carefully considered.



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- b. "Many students and parents moan at the thought of homework."
- c. "Dr. Cooper analyzed dozens of studies on whether homework is beneficial."
- d. "Homework develops great study habits, while also improving productivity later in life."

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- b. "Students who fail to complete homework have lower grades."
- c. "Although school is important, it can also be stressful for students."
- d. "Homework may cause unnecessary stress, lack of sleep, and other negative attributes."

4. Which idea would the author of "Learning Beyond the School Day" most likely agree with?

- a. Homework takes away important family time.
- b. Homework should be assigned in every subject every night.
- c. Students who are assigned regular homework learn how to manage their time.
- d. Homework causes stress for younger students, but it is beneficial for older students.

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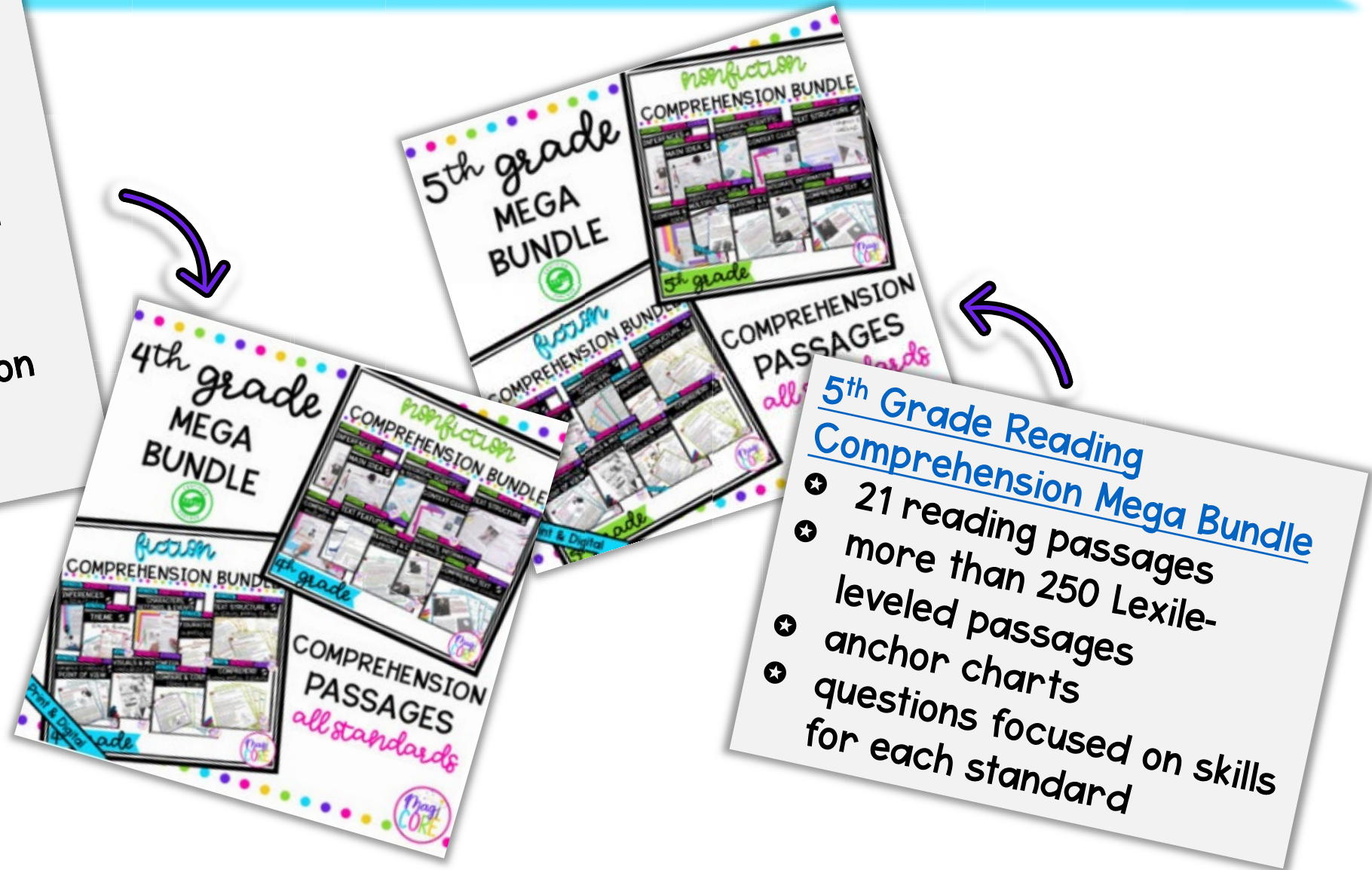
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