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Day One

Name: _____ Date: _____

Answer the questions using evidence from the text.

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Mentor Text Unit

TROMBONE SHORTY



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MENTOR TEXTS

Trombone Shorty



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1. Where in the World?
2. Vocabulary Picture Match
3. *Trombone Shorty* Mentor Text
4. Comprehension Questions

Day Two

1. Figurative Language Mini Lesson
2. Simile vs. Metaphor Sort
3. Do You Have a Nickname?

Day Three

1. Meet Troy Andrews Timeline
2. What is Jazz Music?

Day Four

1. Point of View Mini Lesson
2. Paired Text: *Little Melba and Her Big Trombone*
3. Biography or Autobiography?

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1. Write an Autobiography!



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COMPREHENSION

Drag a circle to select the correct answer.



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- a. to be in the parade
- b. to get candy
- c. to watch the brass bands
- d. to spend time with his brother

4. Why does Troy relate music and gumbo?

5. How does Troy get his nickname?

6. How did Troy's experience with Bo Diddley shape his future?

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SIMILE VS. METAPHOR Sort the sentences based on the type of figurative language used.

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Simile

- Jose is as strong as an ox.
- Haley was as busy as a bee!
- That dog is like a bull in a china shop.
- Hurry! Be as quick as lightening!
- Mary's desk looks like a pig pen!

Metaphor

- Please, give me a hand.
- He is such a big baby!
- My dad always says, "Time is money."
- Ramy is a star.

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PEDAGOGY



Many schools and districts are stuck in expensive contracts using basal big box curricula. These resources claim to be both comprehensive and research based, which leads school administrators and other decision makers to believe that they are the best resources for students. Unfortunately, basal readers can often turn students off from reading, making it difficult for them to grow academically and potentially harming their chances of becoming lifelong readers. Because the basal reader is focused on routine overdevelopment, students exposed to the basal readers without complementary resources can struggle to develop and transfer necessary comprehension skills.



I believe that students need to be immersed in reading tasks that engage them with meaningful literature that is both relatable and diverse. This is why I am creating literature units focused on mentor texts.

Carefully selected books

I've carefully selected books that:

- are excellent mentor texts
- include diverse characters from different backgrounds, ethnicities, and experiences
- include topics and plots that are engaging to students and will help them think critically

While developing this curriculum, my focus was to create a process in which:

- teachers model a reading comprehension skill or strategy using the mentor text
- students have time to discuss ideas and concepts with each other
- lessons integrate writing in a meaningful way with reading response

WHERE IN THE WORLD?

Answer the questions after watching the video about the state of Louisiana.

1. Describe where Louisiana is located.

2. How did Louisiana get its two nicknames?

3. The capital of Louisiana is _____.

4. Name two things that make Louisiana unique.

a. -----

b. -----



Day 2

1. Review the What is Figurative Language? anchor chart. Complete examples together.
2. Students complete the cut-and-paste activity to sort similes and metaphors.
3. Students complete the nickname activity and practice using a simile to describe their nickname.

Day Two Name: _____ Date: _____

WHAT IS FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE?

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→ **Literal Meaning:** My brother is scared.



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YOU TRY:

 Ben is sick as a dog.

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Day Two Name: _____ Date: _____

DO YOU HAVE A NICKNAME?

1. What is Troy Andrews' nickname?

2. Do you have a nickname? If so, how did you get it? If not, what do you think would be a good nickname for you and why?

3. Use a simile to describe how you feel about your nickname.

My nickname is as _____
adjective (silly, crazy, cute, etc.)

as _____
words/phrase to compare that match your adjective



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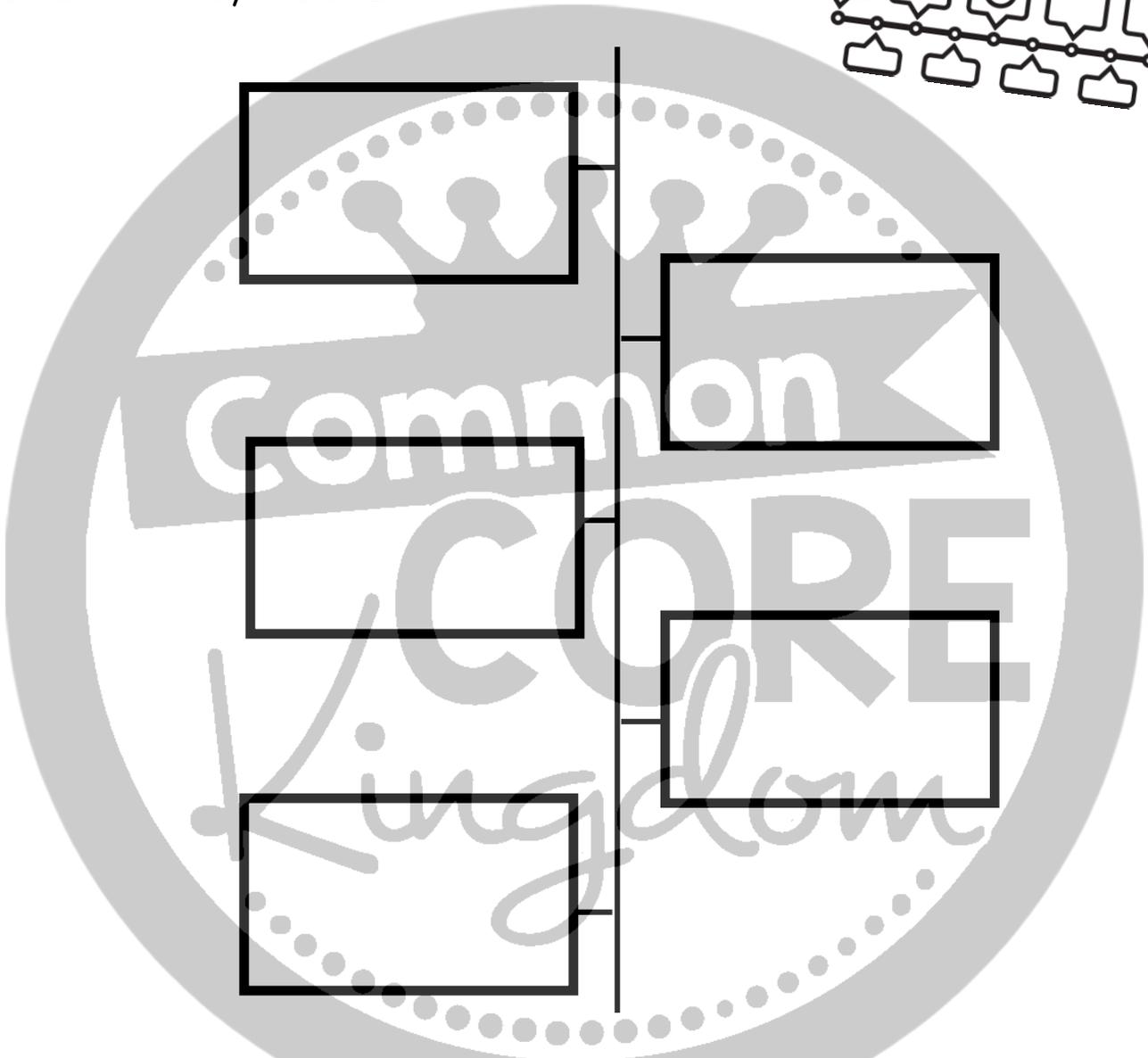
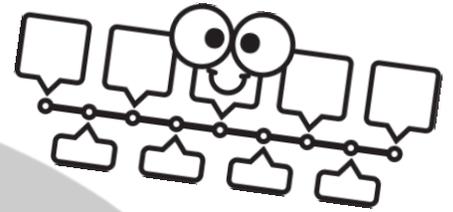


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MEET TROY ANDREWS

Complete the timeline after watching the interview with Troy Andrews.



Andrews started the Trombone Shorty Foundation.	Andrews led his first band.	He was born into a musical family.
First played on the streets at four years old.	He became a touring musician.	

BIOGRAPHY OR AUTOBIOGRAPHY?

- A biography is written to describe the life a person.



Look For:

- Basic facts
- Important dates: birth, death, accomplishments, etc.
- Important experiences: education, career, awards, etc.
- Usually written in chronological order

- An autobiography is written to describe the life of the author.

Who wrote the book?



Consider the point of view and genre of the two stories you read to complete the table below.

Trombone Shorty

Little Melba and Her Big Trombone

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• Point of View?

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