

4th & 5th Grade

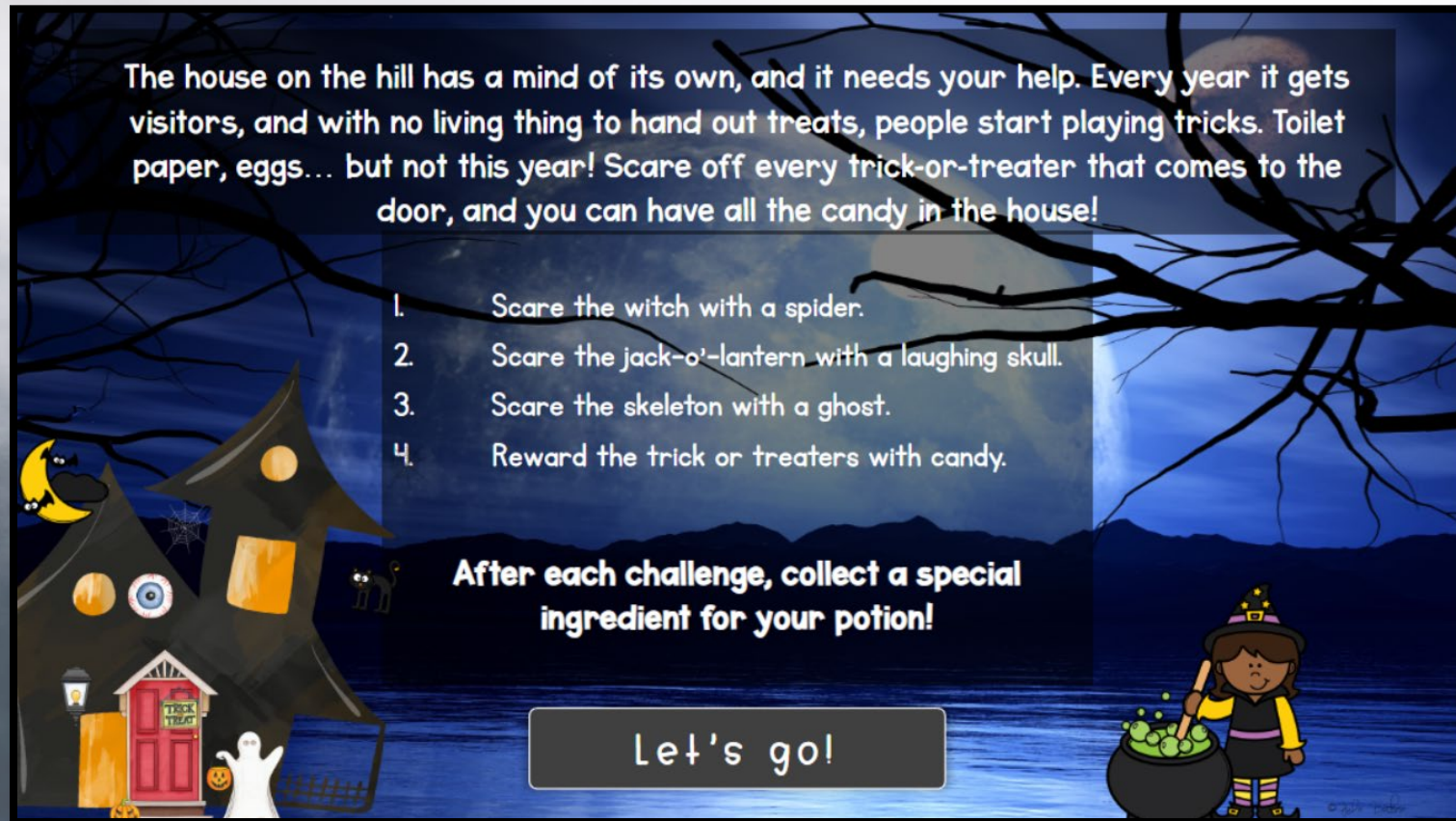
# Reading & Comprehension

## Haunted House Escape Room

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**Escape the Haunted House!**  
Students won't realize they are practicing Reading Comprehension skills! They will be immersed in the storytelling and our original videos as they complete reading comprehension challenges.

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## Challenge #1

1. Read the passages and answer the questions.
2. Use your answers to scare the witch with a spider.
3. Collect a special ingredient for your potion after the challenge.



Haunted houses are only found in books, TV shows, and movies... right? Throughout history, people have reported unusual happenings in houses across the globe. Paranormal investigators and mediums are constantly investigating strange incidents in search of ghostly evidence. One such site where reports of ghost sightings have been recorded is Ferry Plantation House in Virginia Beach, Virginia. It is considered one of the most haunted locations in the state. The house got its name back in 1642 from the Ferry Boat Service that ran the Lynnhaven waterway. In its history, the property has been used as a plantation, a courthouse, a tavern, a post office, and a school. Presently, it is a museum and an office space.

Rumors of paranormal activity at this location have been around for many years. First of all, it's believed the property sits on land that was once a graveyard. The scene, therefore, is already set for potential hauntings. One common report from locals is seeing lights turn themselves on in the Ferry Plantation House, even when no one is home. Volunteers who lead tours through the museum today say they have noticed the lights, as well. A closing time duty is to make sure all the lights are off at the end of the day. When these volunteers, however, come back the next morning to open the house for visitors, the lights are on again. In addition, strange balls of light have been seen flying around the roof at night.

Caretakers of the Ferry Plantation House have witnessed the spirit of an old man who would come up from the basement. He would walk across a particular room and kneel in front of a wall. He'd stay for only a few minutes then return to the basement. When this room was renovated, builders found a fireplace behind the wall where the spirit had knelt. This suggests that perhaps one of the

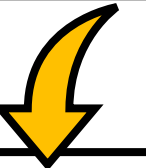
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1. What is the main idea of the passage?
  - a. Strange events at the Ferry Plantation House have been determined to be rumors.
  - b. People who believe in ghosts should study the Ferry Plantation House in Virginia.
  - c. Strange events and sightings at the Ferry Plantation House in Virginia suggest that it is haunted by ghosts.
  - d. The Ferry Plantation House was a scary place to live.
2. Which of the following titles would best fit the passage?
  - a. Ghosts in Virginia
  - b. Halloween Haunting
  - c. Ferry Plantation House Haunting
  - d. Kathleen of Ferry Plantation House
3. According to the text, what has the Ferry Plantation House been used for?
  - a. The Ferry Plantation House has been used as a plantation, courthouse, library, post office, museum, and orphanage.
  - b. The Ferry Plantation House has been used as a post office, plantation, museum, office, courthouse, and school.
  - c. The Ferry Plantation House has been used as a plantation, post office, library, hospital, and museum.
  - d. The Ferry Plantation House has been used as a courthouse, museum, and college.

# 4 Reading Challenges

- Challenges focused on reading comprehension skills.
- Each challenge takes about 20-30 minutes
- 1 poem, and 4 fiction passages.
- Multiple choice questions
- Passages in 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Text Complexity band (740L-1010L)
- Passages and questions are scaffolded

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## Challenge #4

1. Read the passages and answer the questions.
2. Use your answers to reward the trick-or-treaters with candy.
3. Collect a special ingredient for your potion after the challenge.



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Why is the setting of the story important to the plot?

- a. It's Halloween, and Javier's brother is licking all the cupcakes.
- b. It's a sunny day, and Eliza Mooney and Javier are neighbors.
- c. It's Halloween, and Eliza Mooney's house is beautiful.
- d. It's Halloween, and Eliza Mooney's house is thought to be haunted.

2. Read the sentences from the text.

She might be ready to throw up, but at least she was brave enough to face the dare.  
All she had to do was knock, say trick or treat, and scurry away. Then, her friends would have to think she was awesome.

What does this sentence show you about why Monica is doing the dare.

- a. These sentences show that Monica is doing the dare to impress her friends.
- b. These sentences show that Monica is doing the dare to prove to herself that she is brave.
- c. These sentences show that Monica is doing the dare because she really wants candy.
- d. These sentences show that Monica is doing the dare because she is scared of her friends.

3. According to the text, why is Eliza Mooney thought to be a "crazy old witch?"

- a. She wears a pointed hat and has a raspy voice.
- b. She collects children's souls for dark magic.
- c. It is rumored that she likes to eat children's toes.
- d. She has green eyes and crazy hair.

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## A Halloween Dare

Monica followed her friends down the street. Why had she played the game?

One minute they were at Javier's Halloween party about to dive into delicious cupcakes, and the next she'd reached into a paper bag full of slips of paper. She had no idea that dares were written on each paper. No idea that she'd pick the one that said, *You have been dared to trick or treat at Old Looney Mooney's house.*

Everyone knew Eliza Mooney's decrepit house at the very end of Raven Road was haunted. Mooney herself was considered a crazy old witch who collected children's souls for Dark Magic.

Monica was rather fond of her soul. She had no desire to let it go.

"Maybe we should head back before Javier's little brother like to know he has a history of doing that."

Javier didn't slow his pace toward Mooney's house. "My mom said it was safe."

But not your soul," Timmy said in a low voice after sneaking up behind Monica and swatted her. "Knock it off, Timmy."

Monica laughed. "You are so scared, Monica. It's hilarious."

"If you're not scared," Monica said, "trick or treat at Mooney's house."

The boy's face paled. "I... I didn't pick the dare." His voice was so quiet, so you have to do it. Not me."

When they arrived at Mooney's house, they stood in front of it and



## Candy!

Enter your answers in the Cauldron Decoder to see if you are ready to reward the trick-or-treaters with candy.



DO NOT go to the next page until you've answered the question on your brochure!

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# 4 Reading Challenges

- Themed videos integrated throughout the Escape Room to keep kids engaged.
- Students work in groups, partners, or independently.

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## Black Cat Del

Shadows dance  
in moonlight  
as silent paws  
tread on dark streets.

Bright, yellow eyes  
scan the blackness,  
prowling, hunting  
for scurrying treats.

Mist rises  
over rain puddles,  
ghostly clouds,  
cloaking the chase.

A lone yowl  
echoes loudly  
in the alley  
during the rain.

Sharp claws  
snag prey,  
but not to eat  
A gift instead.

Toted home  
between teeth,  
the prize is delivered.  
Now off to bed.

Curled up,  
the black cat  
the witch

## Black Cat Deliveries

Shadows dance  
in moonlight  
as silent paws  
tread on dark streets.

Bright, yellow eyes  
scan the blackness,  
prowling, hunting  
for scurrying treats.

Mist rises  
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ghostly clouds,  
cloaking the chase.

Sharp claws  
snag prey,  
but not to eat  
A gift instead.

Toted home  
between teeth,  
the prize is delivered.  
Now off to bed.

Curled up,  
the black cat  
listens as her witch  
casts the spell.

Purple smoke  
fogs the room  
as the cat  
closes its eyes.

Magic is tricky.  
So much  
can go wrong,  
but the witch tries



and tries  
and tries  
until

the black cat  
is sent out,  
once again,  
to hunt happily for  
new ingredients.

## 3 Versions

- Print
- Google Slides
- Webscape™ (Our most popular experience)

Shadows dance  
in moonlight  
as silent paws  
tread on dark streets.

Bright, yellow eyes

### 4. Read the stanza.



*Shadows dance / in moonlight / as silent paws / tread on dark streets.*

What is the meaning of the personification used in the stanza?

a. It is light outside.

b. The cat is quiet.




c. The shadows are moving around.

d. The cat is slow because it's dark.

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<b>Format Type</b>	Printable	Digital	Digital
<b>Device</b>	N/A	Any Device	Any Device
<b>Required Prep</b>	Print & Go	Copy & Share	Zero Prep
<b>Student Answers</b>	Printable Answer Pamphlet	Google Sheets Decoder Tool	Integrated Challenge Hub
<b>Self Correcting</b>	Includes Answer Key	Self Correcting	Self Correcting
<b>Custom Videos</b>	QR Codes	Embedded You Tube	Embedded
<b>Audio Readings</b>	N/A	No Audio Readings	Contains Audio Readings
<b>Navigation</b>	N/A	Student Directed	Automatically Advancing
<b>Extras</b>	Early Finish Challenges	Movable Pieces	Interactive Animation

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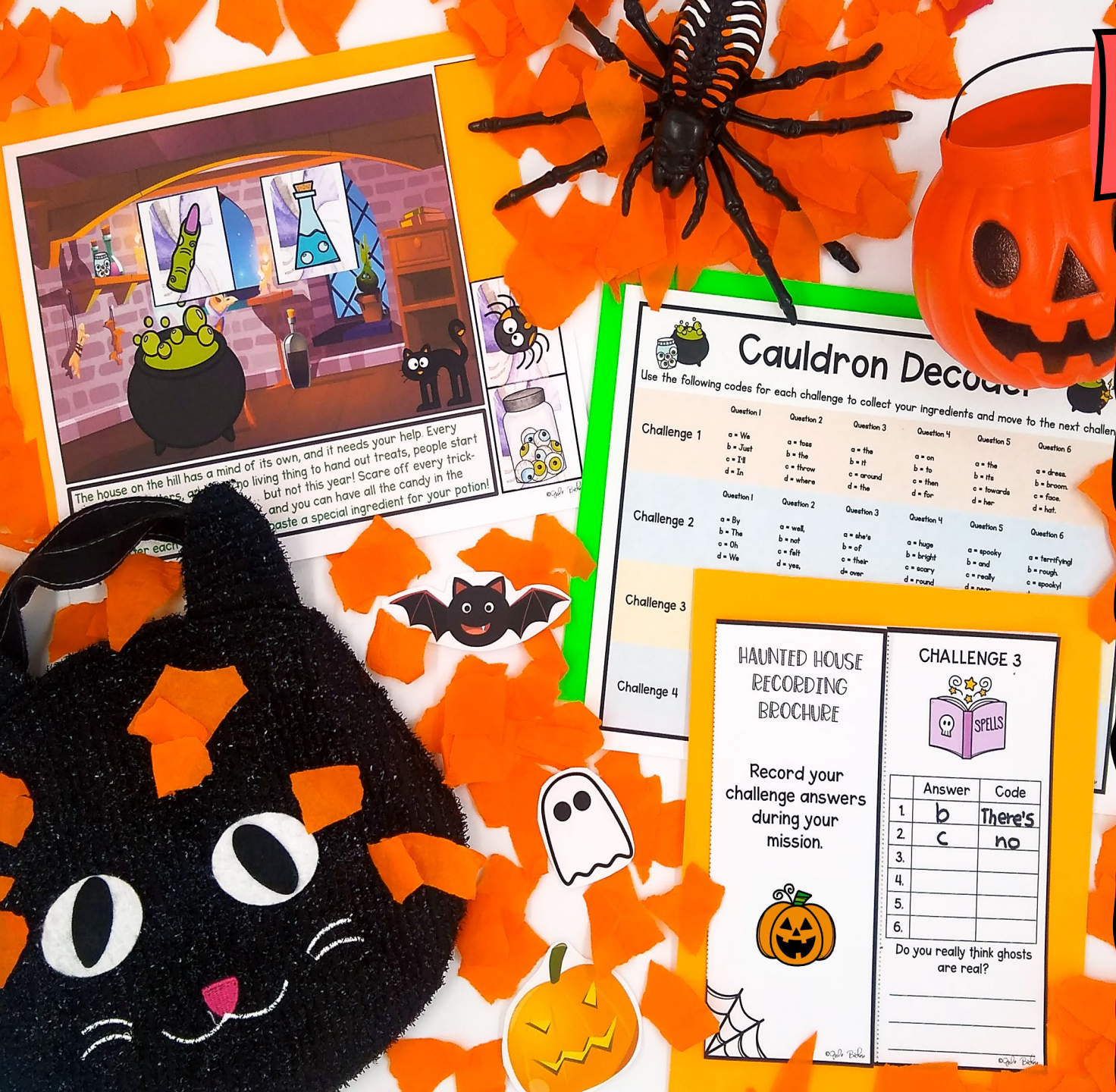
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# Print

- Cut and paste stamps for each challenge
- Easy to follow
- Optimal for group or partner work
- Recording brochure for answers
- Self-checking decoder
- Certificate of completion

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# Print

- OOPS! Cards for differentiation

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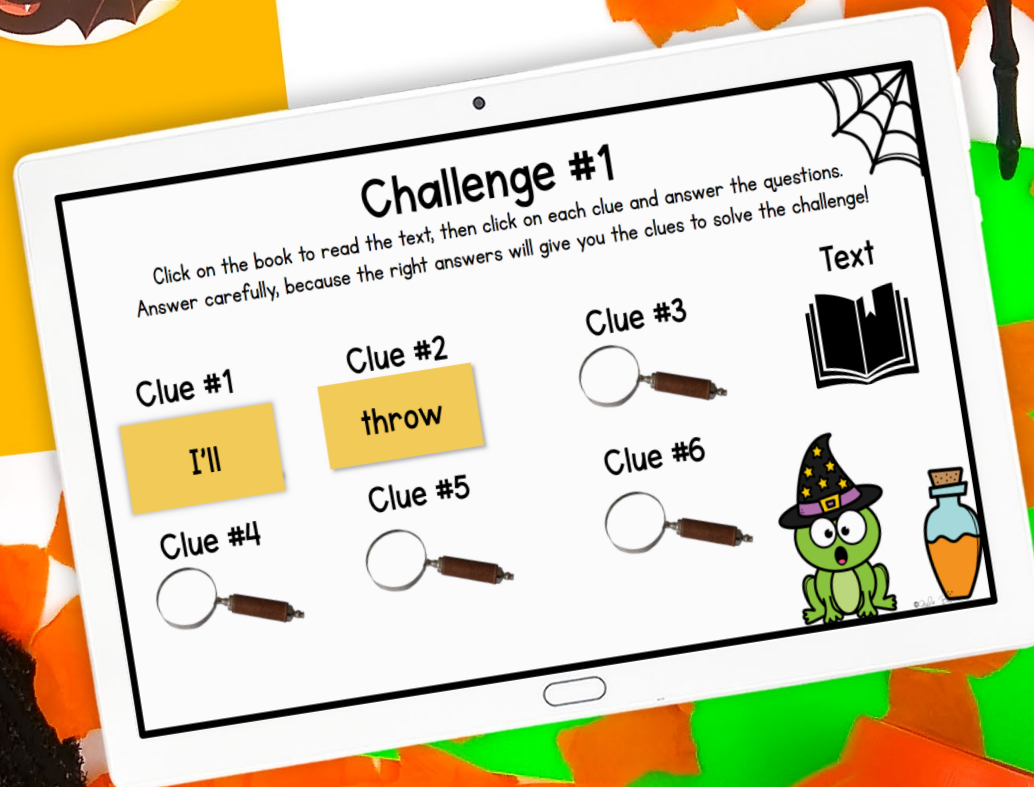




# Webscape™

- Most interactive experience
- Self correcting
- Embedded videos
- Embedded audio
- Animation
- Simple navigation

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# Webscape <sup>TM</sup>

- No log ins or sign ups
- Works with any device that has an internet connection and web browser
- Zero prep! Just share the link with your students.

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# Google Slides

- Three problems per slide
- Students drag to circle their answers

4. Read the stanza.  
Shadows dance / in moonlight / as silent paws / tread on dark streets.

- What is the meaning of the personification used in the stanza?
- a. It is light outside.
  - b. The cat is quiet.
  - c. The shadows are moving around.
  - d. The cat is slow because it's dark.

5. What can be inferred about the black cat in the story?

- a. The black cat is skittish.
- b. The black cat is loyal to the witch.
- c. The black cat is lazy.
- d. The black cat is selfish.

6. Which of the following stanzas from the poem best describes the illustration?

- a. "Bright, yellow eyes scan the blackness, prowling, hunting for scurrying treats."
- b. "Toted home between teeth, the prize is delivered. Now off to bed."
- c. "Curled up, the black cat listens as her witch casts the spell."
- d. "the black cat is sent out, once again, to hunt happily for new ingredients."

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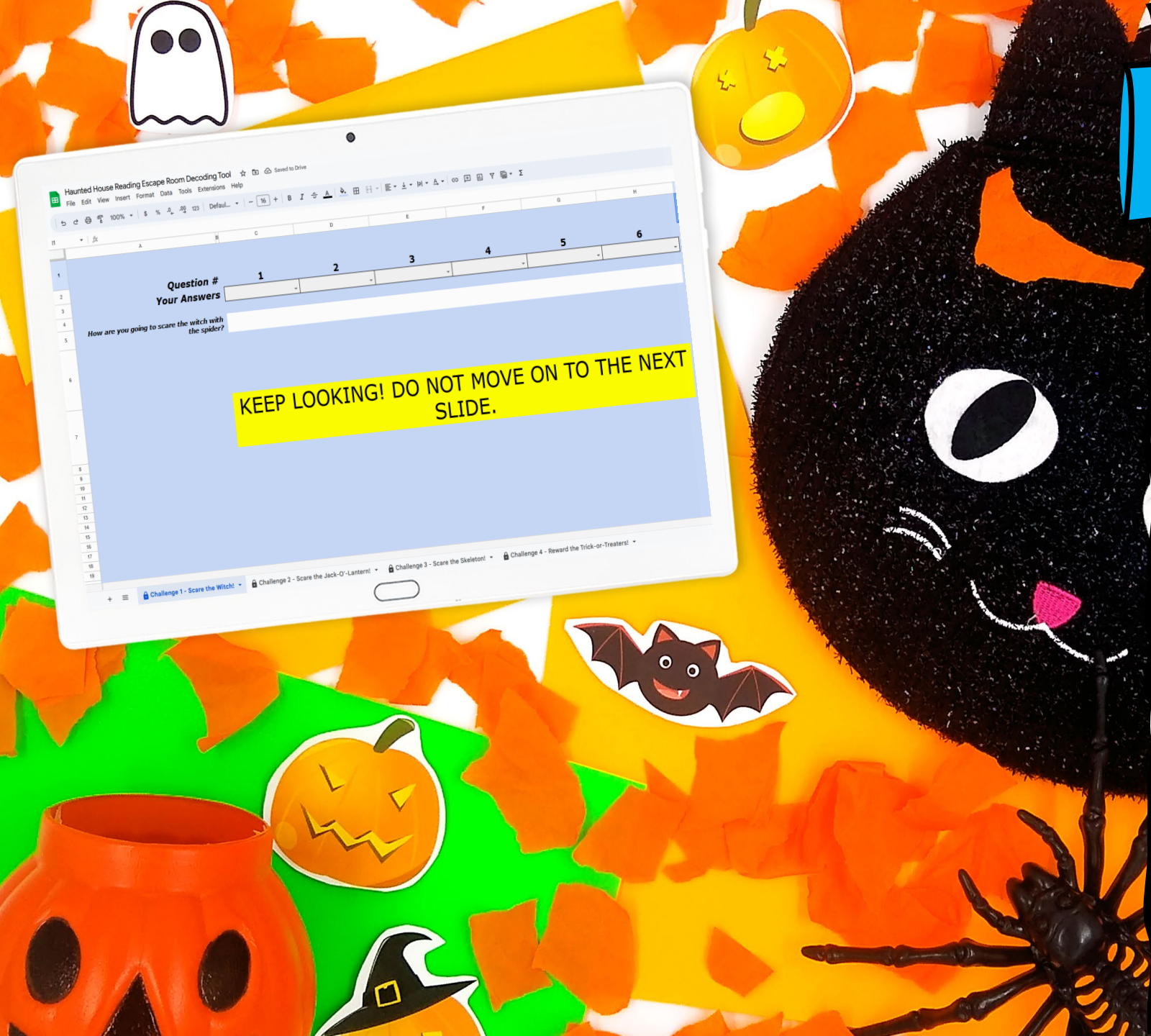




# Google Slides

- Toggle to self-checking decoder
- Decoder will prompt at the end of each challenge whether students are correct or need to check their work.

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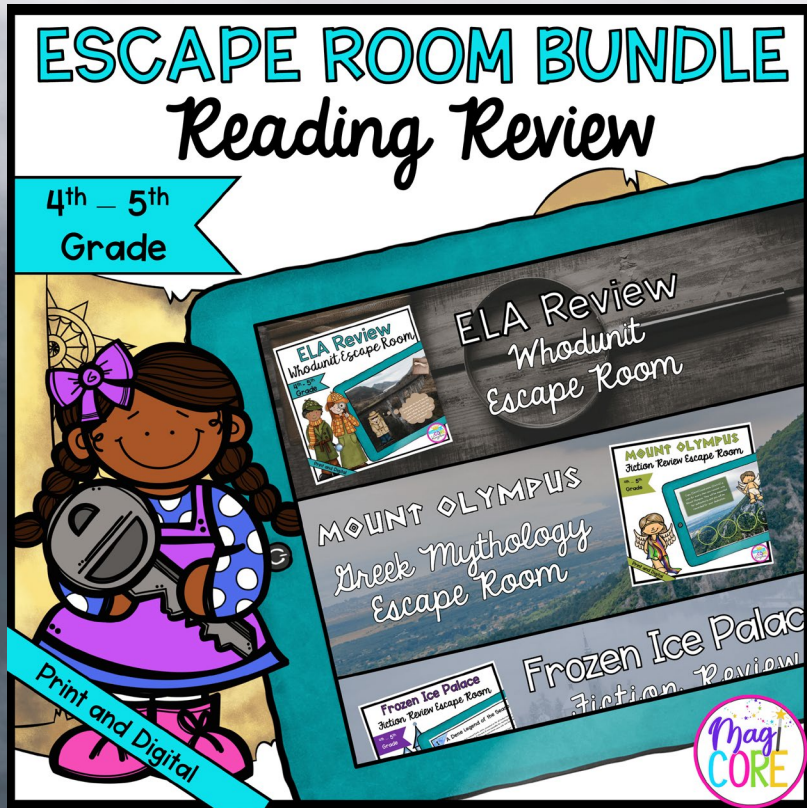




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**ESCAPE ROOM BUNDLE**  
*Reading Review*

4th – 5th  
Grade



ELA Review  
Whodunit  
Escape Room

MOUNT OLYMPUS  
Greek Mythology  
Escape Room

Frozen Ice Palace  
Fiction Review  
Escape Room

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**ESCAPE ROOM BUNDLE**  
*Reading Comprehension*

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Main Idea  
Wizarding Escape Room

Context Clues  
Pirate Themed Escape Room

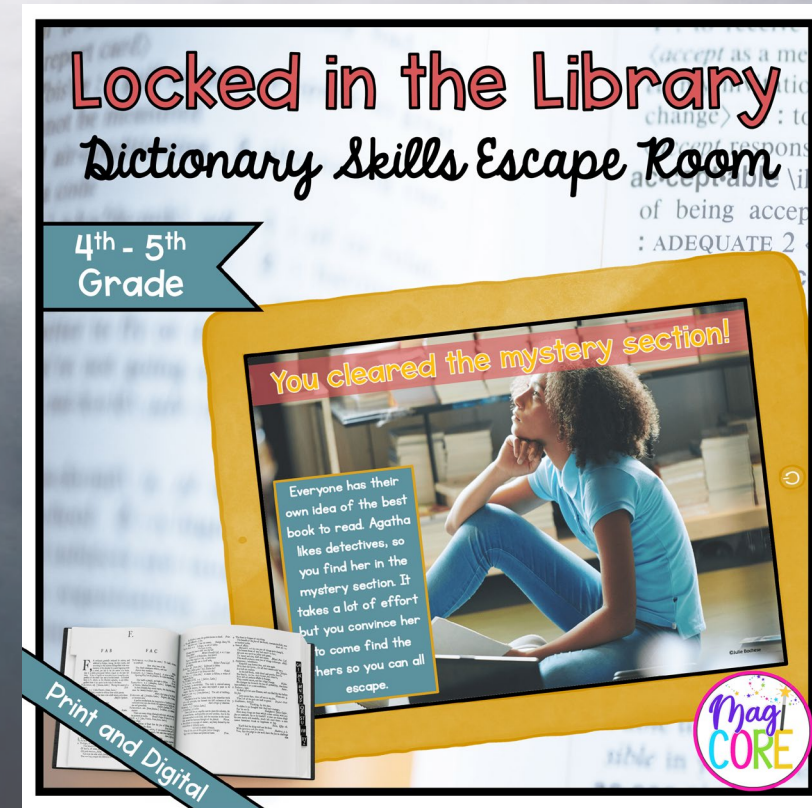
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Mission in Space Escape Room

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**Locked in the Library**  
*Dictionary Skills Escape Room*

4th – 5th  
Grade



You cleared the mystery section!

Everyone has their own idea of the best book to read. Agatha likes detectives, so you find her in the mystery section. It takes a lot of effort but you convince her to come find the here so you can all escape.

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