

Monthly Themed Differentiated Passages



JANUARY

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OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

4th & 5th Grade

450L September Passages

Name: _____ Date: _____

Types of Apples

There are many kinds of apples in the world. They are grown in North America, Europe, and Asia. Mild summers and cold winters are best for growing apples. Apples grow on small to medium trees. China has many many

August Passages

Poem

There are fewer bees buzzing in the flower
The sun doesn't shine for hours and hours
Baseballs stop flying clear out of the sky
Fireflies no longer light up the dark
Barbecue sauce gone from the grill
Green leaves and fall from the trees
The bluest and more
The air is because
Summer that flew
I wish we were so many months apart

are so many apples They are in New United!

Grass are big and These round Granny Smith

Not all Day together however gifts. Would you put on the altar

500L October Passages

Name: _____ Date: _____

Drama

December Passages

Name: _____ Date: _____

The Japanese Winter Solstice

Cast: Akio, Hikaru, Kel, Georgie, Mr. and Mrs. Shimoda, a librarian

ACT ONE

Scene 1

Setting: A little town

Narrator: I am sister, Kel. All three children

Akio: (nervous) Tomorrow

Hikaru: (sad) I can't Mom won't

Kel: (going) Hikaru

goooo

Anna May Wong was a Chinese-American actress and fashion icon born on January 3rd, 1905, in Los Angeles, California. She was the first Asian-American movie star to be popular internationally. Anna May became a trailblazer. At the age of 15, Anna May began appearing in bit parts in silent films. Her passion for acting was strong. She would sneak onto film sets to watch movies being made. She received her very first credited role in *The Red Lantern* in 1919. She was the first Chinese-American movie star. Anna May went on to be cast in a variety of roles. They ranged from melodrama films such as *Daughter of Shanghai* (1937) to romantic comedies such as *The Toll of the Sea* (1922). Though she was successful, she had many struggles. Hollywood cast in limited roles. She could not break out of Asian-American stereotypes, however, she stayed committed to her craft. She pushed against the boundaries. Anna May wanted to challenge stereotypes about Asians on screen. She found success in Germany's film industry. Her determination for the respect of celebrities around the world. Queen Elizabeth II honored her with an honorary Order of the British Empire. Anna May Wong died on February 2, 1961, at the age of 56.

Anna May Wong



Passages differentiated on two levels

- Certified Lexile levels
- Perfect for Close Reading!



POETRY WRITING

The poem you read is about the American flag. The American flag is a symbol of many things, including freedom in the United States. We fly the flag on holidays that celebrate our

September: Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color indicated. If there is no answer next to the question, you will need to infer the answer. You should still look for text evidence to help you infer.

- What is this poem mostly about?
 - A description of a 4th of July celebration.
 - A description of all the things the American flag stands for.
 - A description of what the American flag looks like.
 - A description of how the American flag was designed.

POETRY MAPPING

Poetry is very different than

Red, white, and blue 4 A c
point the skies 3 has
the American flag 6 their
ripples and flies 4 for t

A symbol of freedom, 6
justice, and will 3
American ideas 7 red
that linger still 4 f
th 4
Songs of liberty 5 ri
and being brave 4
soldiers who always 5
protect and save 4

Citizens defending 6
what is right 3
searching for truth, 4
being a light 4

Even in darkness 5
we are strong 3
we pull together 5
to fix what's wrong 4

Poem

September Passages

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paint the skies,
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A country like ours
has people who give
their hearts and souls
for the chance to live

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CHARACTERS

What does the main character think and say?

Karl thanks Mr. Frank
must be sad.

What does the main character do?

Karl makes muffins
Karl brings muffins
Karl offers help

MUFFIN MAGIC RESPONSE

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Muffin Magic

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After cleaning up the supplies he'd used, Karl took a photo and texted it to Oma and Opa. Thanks for the paint! Oma replied with three heart emojis. His grandparents were truly the best in the world.

As he carefully set the skateboard on a table in the garage so it could dry, Karl noticed Mr. Frank across the street. He was the neighborhood grump, always with a frown on his face, and he never waved to anyone. The only time he talked to others was to tell them to pick up their litter or to quiet down. Any time Karl had ever seen the man, he'd been wearing the same tattered brown sweater he had on right now. As far as Karl knew, Mr. Frank didn't have any family, and if he did, they never visited.

That made Karl sad, especially since it was Grandparents' Day. Oma and Opa had been delighted by the muffins Karl had served them. Maybe Mr. Frank was so grouchy because he didn't have a grandkid to make him muffins.

Karl went into the kitchen and put three blueberry muffins in a container. He walked across the street to Mr. Frank, who was picking up leaves that had collected under his front bushes.

"Hi, Mr. Frank," Karl said.

The man jumped and put a gardening glove to his chest, his scowl deepening. "You trying to stop my heart, boy?"

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Standards-
Based
Questions &
Written
Response

Variety of Fiction & Nonfiction Texts

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lights

Warm
Casts s
Flames
In the

Are yo

September Comprehension

Answer the following question will need to infer the answer:

- What is this poem my
a. A description of i
b. A description of i
c. A description of i
d. A description of i

- How does the author
a. Every 2nd and 4th
b. Every third line in
c. The first and last
d. The author repeats

- How does the author

The shy
me of

- Read the first stanza:
"strong"

The first
the second
and the

- The poet uses lines
reader. What is the ir

The im
is the

POETRY MAPPING

Poetry is very different than other forms of literature. Map the poem by following these steps:

Red, white, and blue 4 A country like ours
point the skies 3 has people who give
the American flag 6 their hearts and souls
ripples and flies 4 for the chance to live

A symbol of freedom, 6 where 1
justice, and will 3
American ideas 7 red, white, and blue

that linger still 4 paint the skies, 3
the American flag 6

Songs of liberty 5 ripples and flies. 4
and being brave 4
soldiers who always 5

protect and save 4

Citizens defending 6
what is right 3
searching for truth, 4

being a light 4

Even in darkness 5
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