

READING EXIT TICKETS

Nonfiction

Interpret Information

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1. What did you learn about atoms from the diagram?

- About the types of atoms
- About the functions of the parts of an atom
- About the parts of an atom and how they are arranged
- About the charges associated with atom particles

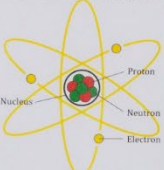
2. What does the diagram do for readers that the text does not?

- It tells viewers that electrons move.
- It gives a visual picture of an atom's parts.
- It shows how to spell the names of the parts.
- It shows the charges of each atom particle.

3. What understanding did you receive from both the text and the diagram?

- The nucleus is at the center of an atom.
- Electrons have negative charges.
- The number and arrangement of particles changes.
- Protons are positively charged.

A diagram of an atom



What are the Parts of an Atom?

All matter is made of atoms. Atoms have a nucleus at their center, and particles known as protons and neutrons are found in the nucleus. Electrons are particles that orbit the nucleus. Protons have positive charges, neutrons have no charge, and electrons are negatively charged. The number and arrangement of these particles determine the properties of the element to which the atom belongs.

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1. What understanding did you develop by reading the text?

- Why *The Mona Lisa* is famous.
- What type of paint was used.
- How much the painting is worth.
- Why Da Vinci painted *The Mona Lisa*.


2. What advantage does seeing the actual painting give readers? Choose all that apply.

- Readers can see Da Vinci's style of painting.
- Readers can visualize what the painting looks like.
- Readers can learn that Da Vinci was Italian.
- Readers can see the mysterious smile on *The Mona Lisa* for themselves.

3. What information do both the text and the painting give readers? Choose all that apply.

- The title of the painting.
- The name of the painter.
- The woman in the painting has a mysterious smile.
- Where the painting is on display.

The Mona Lisa
by Leonardo da Vinci



EXIT TICKETS

STANDARDS ALIGNMENT

6th grade

Literature

Common Core Standard	Skill	Passage #1	Passage #2	Passage #3	Passage #4
RL.6.1	Supporting Details	Mishap Monday	Hard Goodbye	A Well-Trained Pup	Zippering Along
RL.6.2	Theme	The Chase	Bradi's Bravery	Secrets	The Visit
RL.6.3	Plot Progression and Character Changes	Ad Anxiety	No More Canines	Great Aunt Sally	Wolf Woes
RL.6.4	Words & Phrases	The Abyss	Comic Con Crowd	A Published Poet	Breathe
RL.6.5	Literature Structure	Vacation Time	Noisy Nigel	Just a Bee	Traitorous Skates
RL.6.6	Point of View	Wild Child	Forced Farewell	Nighttime Escape	Running out of Time
RL.6.7	Multimedia Elements	The Emperor's New Clothes (excerpt)	Black Beauty (excerpt)	Little Women (excerpt)	My Shadow
RL.6.9	Compare & Contrast Genres	Awaiting/ C U Soon	Victory/ Girl Power	My Summer in the Bayou/In the Bayou	Underestimated Threat/In Protest

Informational

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RI.6.1	Using Details	Yayoi Kusama	Ancient Rome	Microwave It!	The Orchid Mantis
RI.6.2	Main Idea & Details	Hockey Stick Curve	George Crum	The Civil War	Do Animals Dream?
RI.6.3	Using Details to Explain	Ciphers	War of the Worlds	Stagecoach Mary	The Digestive System
RI.6.4	Words & Phrases	The Science of Trampolines	The Remote Control	Solar Flares	The Striped Pyjama Squid
RI.6.5	Analyze Text Structure	Poorna Malavath	Two Art Forms	Hurricane Katrina	Plant Fungus
RI.6.6	Point of View	Read This!	Pack Your Bags	Robin Hood	The Wild West
RI.6.7	Interpret Information	Parts of an Atom	Average Rainfall	The Mona Lisa	The Thirteen Colonies
RI.6.8	Reasons Support Points	Student Choice	Self-checkout	Animal Testing	Nature Time
RI.6.9	Compare & Contrast	Chocolate Chip Cookies	Social Media	Piracy	The Holocaust



HOW TO USE EXIT TICKETS

I love using exit tickets for assessment because they are:

- short and quick to have students complete
- easy to grade and give you valuable data

I like to use exit tickets toward the end of the teaching unit for each standard. Toward the end of the unit, give each student one exit ticket, and allow him or her to read and answer the corresponding questions. Collect the exit tickets, assess, and use the data to determine if your students need reteaching, more practice, or are ready for a larger assessment and the next unit.

There are four exit tickets for each skill. This gives you the opportunity to assess four times if you address a standard more than once.

If you have a more advanced class, you can give the exit ticket as a pre-assessment, as well. This can help you determine if students need explicit instruction in a particular skill or not. If the majority of your students do not need explicit instruction, you can teach those who do using small groups.





Compare & Contrast

Name: _____ Date: _____

Awaiting

October 23, 1849

My Dearest Cousin,

I have been waiting these long months for your arrival, counting down the days until we are once again in each other's company. I knew when my family moved west that I would miss your daily presence, but I was not prepared for how much my heart would ache without you. There are other young adults my age here to be sure, however, they do not know me like you do. They do not laugh easily, nor do they find delight in the simplicity of the games you and I played to entertain ourselves. They are somber and serious and do not bring me any pleasure. The moment you set foot on Californian soil, find me for I have the grandest of embraces set aside for you, and we shall commence our new adventures together at once. Safe journey!

All my love,
Rebecca

C U Soon

R when u coming? miss u. u my fave cousin
THURS, 8:30 PM

C b there in 2 days
THURS, 8:31 PM

R can't wait!!!
THURS, 8:31 PM

C we r gonna have so much fun!!!
THURS, 8:32 PM

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THURS, 8:32 PM

C plans?
THURS, 8:33 PM

R dance party o' joy
movie marathon
snack-a-mania
epic beauty makeovers!!!
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1. What are the text forms of each passage?

- a. diary entry and text message thread
- ☒ b. letter and text message thread
- c. letter and graphic novel
- d. diary entry and graphic novel

2. What is the theme of both passages?

- a. Competition
- b. Forgiveness
- ☒ c. Reunion
- d. Bravery

3. How are the two passages different?

- a. There are no emotions in "C U Soon," while "Awaiting" has emotions.
- ☒ b. Their forms suggest different time periods - one is historical, one is present.
- c. "Awaiting" is between family, while "C U Soon" is between friends.
- d. "Awaiting" gets a response from the receiver, while "C U Soon" does not.



Supporting Details

Benjamin stretched out his legs before the race started. If he won this meet, he would set a new record for the most consecutive wins for his school's track team. He'd spent so much time training this year so he could give his best to the team. They were counting on him to help them shine - maybe even get themselves on the local news tonight - and he didn't want to let them down.

"Runners, take your positions," the announcer said.

Benjamin jogged over to his spot, his gaze focused on the track ahead of him. He found his older sister in the stands, and she gave him a huge smile and two thumbs up.

As soon as the buzzer sounded, Benjamin took off, zipping along the track as if he was a racecar. When he crossed the finished line before any of his opponents, the home audience cheered loud enough for astronauts in space to hear them.

Name: _____

1. What about the

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- b. He
- ☒ c. He's
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Reasons Support Points

Spending time in nature can improve your health.

A 2019 study found that 120 minutes of outdoor time each week is associated with better health and well-being.

Going outside has been shown to reduce stress levels, helping people feel more relaxed and balanced. Connecting to nature on a regular basis improves mood, confidence, and self-esteem which all affect your mental health.

Physical health is also impacted by spending time outdoors. Another study from 2021 showed that 30 minutes of outdoor time could lower blood pressure by almost 10%. Being surrounded by fresh air also keeps the respiratory system healthier. Exposing yourself to more sunlight has been shown to improve the quality of sleep people get at night. Better sleep equals better overall body functioning. Activities such as hiking outdoors help build strength and stamina as well.

If you want to feel better, both mentally and physically, try going outside more.

Name: _____

Date: _____

1. What is the author's argument in this text?

- a. Nature can have harmful effects.
- b. The outdoors can cure many diseases.
- c. Spending time outside exposes you to sunlight.
- ☒ d. Being outside is good for your health.

2. How is the author's position supported?

- a. Ways to spend time in nature are discussed.
- b. Physical health conditions are shared.
- ☒ c. Evidence pointing to the mental and physical benefits of nature is given.
- d. Quotes from nature experts are included.

3. How could this text be improved?

- a. The dangers of nature could be discussed.
- ☒ b. Interviews with health professionals about nature benefits could be included.
- c. A list of nature TV shows could be given.
- d. Ways to play with your pets outside could be suggested.



Main Idea &

One of the most important when buying a new hockey stick is the type of shots you make strengths all affect which stick curve

There are several types of curves. There are more of a curve near the base of the blade. These are mostly used by defensemen to improve power and accuracy. Toe curves have the tip of the blade, are preferred by forwards. Toe curves have their curve in the middle of the blade. They are good for stickhandlers, passers, and accurate types of shots, even backhand shots.

Stick curve affects three main areas. It helps generate puck spin which improves stability and accuracy. Puck control makes it easier to grab the puck. Stick curve increases shot power as well, sending the puck off with greater speed and distance. Finding the right stick curve can make all the difference in your performance on the ice.



Using Details to Explain

The human body has many different systems that work together to keep you alive. One of these systems is the digestive system, which breaks down food into smaller pieces our bodies can use for energy and nutrients.

Food first enters the mouth where teeth grind the food and saliva mixes with it to make it easier to swallow. The food then travels into the esophagus, which is a long tube connecting the mouth and the stomach. Acids and enzymes mix with food in the stomach to break it down even more. The stomach acts like a blender, churning food until it becomes a thick, pulpy liquid called chyme.

The small intestine receives the chyme, and tiny, finger-like structures called villi absorb nutrients from the food into the bloodstream to be used by the body. Waste products then move to the large intestine and eventually pass from the body.

The digestive system allows us to process food, get the nutrients we need, and rid our bodies of waste.

3. How does the digestive system work?

- ☒ a. By eating food.
- b. By swallowing food.
- c. By digesting food.
- d. By telling the body what to do.



Plot Progression & Character Changes

"Spending the weekend with Great Aunt Sally is going to be mind-numbing," Carmen whined to his mother.

"Well, I promised we'd visit, and you could use a vacation from all your electronics," Mom said.

"Why can't my electronics embark on this trip too?" Carmen actually felt a little panicked now. How was he supposed to survive without his tablet and his phone?

"Great Aunt Sally's cabin is in the remote woods with no internet or cell towers." Mom said it as if this wasn't a monumental problem.

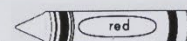
Carmen stewed in the backseat of his mother's car for the entire ride to the official Middle of Nowhere. When he got out of the car at Great Aunt Sally's cabin, however, he was in awe at the magnitude of the place. It was enormous with a heated pool, an outdoor basketball court, and a garage full of ATVs.

"Hope you're ready for an active weekend," Great Aunt Sally said. Carmen was more than ready.

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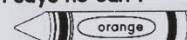
1. What is Carmen's problem?

- a. He is afraid of the remote woods.
- b. He has too much to do this weekend.
- c. He's addicted to electronics.
- ☒ d. He doesn't want to visit Great Aunt Sally.



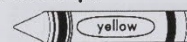
2. What happens after Carmen's mom says he can't bring his electronics?

- a. Carmen packs the electronics anyway.
- ☒ b. Carmen worries he won't survive without them.
- c. Carmen is looking forward to the trip.
- d. Carmen figures out a way to stay home.



3. What changes Carmen's mind about the trip?

- a. Seeing the beauty of the woods.
- b. His mom surprising him with new electronics.
- ☒ c. Seeing all the cool stuff Great Aunt Sally has.
- d. The long drive to the middle of nowhere.



Fiction



Fiction Supporting Details

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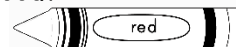
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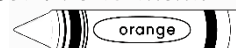
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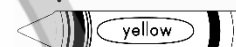
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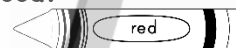
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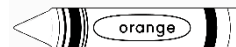
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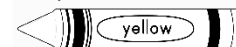
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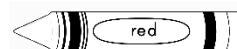
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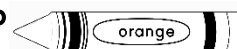
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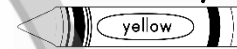
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2. What motivates Allyn to run faster?



- a. He wants to stay in shape.
- b. He doesn't want to lose his hands.
- c. He wants to be faster than the guards.
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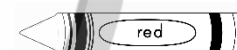
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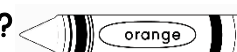
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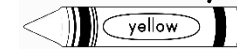
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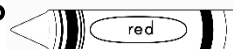
"What's with the dog outside?" his mom inquired.

Trent shrugged as if he wasn't interested, but he'd been observing the dog from the window. It had scruffy fur, intelligent eyes, and a tail that constantly wagged. Trent may have smiled a few times when the pup chased some monarch butterflies in his mom's garden.

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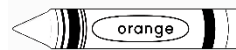
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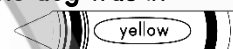
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- b. He gets lost in the neighborhood.
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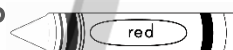
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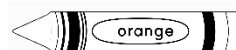
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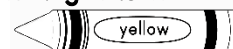
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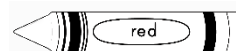
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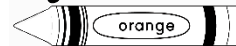
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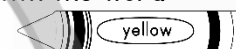
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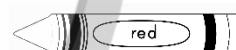
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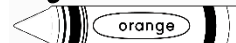
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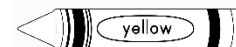
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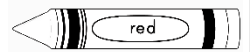
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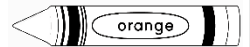
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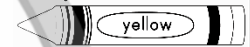
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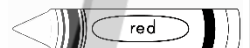
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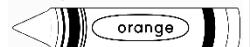
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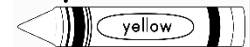
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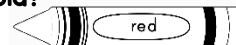
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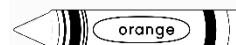
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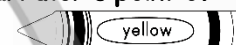
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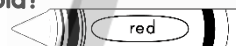
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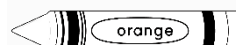
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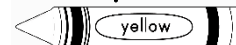
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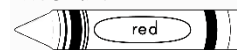
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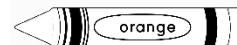
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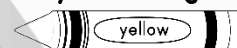
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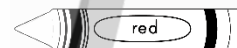
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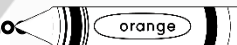
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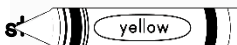
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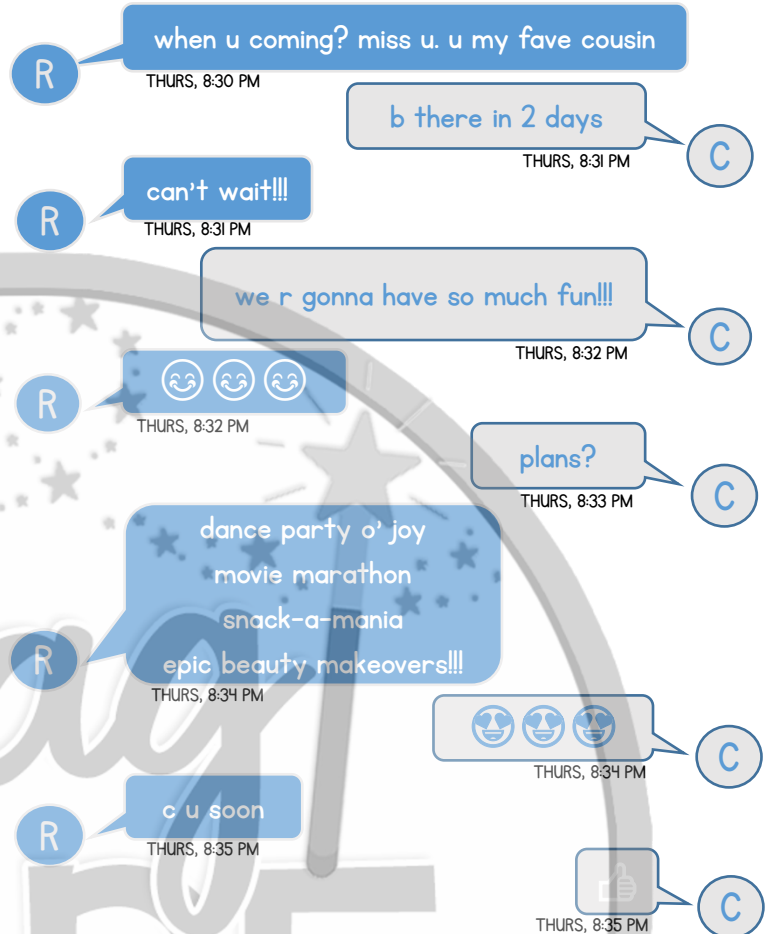
October 23, 1849

My Dearest Cousin,

I have been waiting these long months for your arrival, counting down the days until we are once again in each other's company. I knew when my family moved west that I would miss your daily presence, but I was not prepared for how much my heart would ache without you. There are other young adults my age here to be sure, however, they do not know me like you do. They do not laugh easily, nor do they find delight in the simplicity of the games you and I played to entertain ourselves. They are somber and serious and do not bring me any pleasure. The moment you set foot on Californian soil, find me, for I have the grandest of embraces set aside for you, and we shall commence our new adventures together at once. Safe journey!

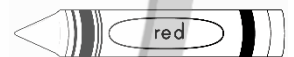
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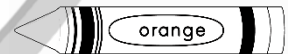
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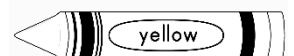
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- a. Competition
- b. Forgiveness
- c. Reunion
- d. Bravery



3. How are the two passages different?

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- b. Their forms suggest different time periods - one is historical, one is present day.
- c. "Awaiting" is between family, while "C U Soon" is between friends.
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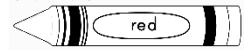
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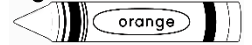
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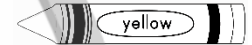
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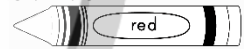
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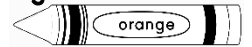
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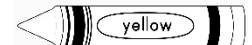
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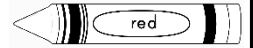
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This story has been challenged throughout history, however, with Crum's sister, Kate, saying *she* was the one who sliced the potatoes. Another version said she accidentally dropped a slice in the fryer, and when fishing it out, she realized she'd invented something new. There is also some evidence that cookbooks in the U.S. and Britain already had recipes similar to Crum's chips.

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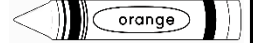
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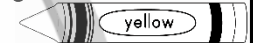
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- b. They were fried.
- c. The wealthy guest loved the thinly-sliced potatoes.
- d. They were served at a resort.

2. What is the author's main point in Paragraph 3?



- a. Crum didn't like potatoes.
- b. Crum's claim of inventing potato chips has been challenged.
- c. Crum's sister also worked at Moon's Lake House.
- d. Potato chips would not have been invented without Crum.

3. Which statement has no personal judgment in it?



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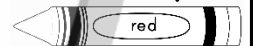
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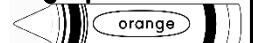
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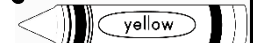
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- d. They were served at a resort.

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- a. Crum didn't like potatoes.
- b. Crum's claim of inventing potato chips has been challenged.
- c. Crum's sister also worked at Moon's Lake House.
- d. Potato chips would not have been invented without Crum.

3. Which statement has no personal judgment in it?



- a. Crum was an ingenious chef.
- b. Crum is credited with inventing the potato chip.
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- d. Crum shouldn't serve soggy potatoes to customers.



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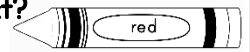
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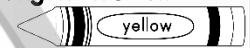
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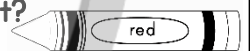
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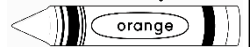
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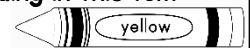
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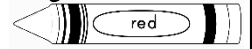
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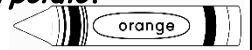
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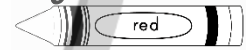
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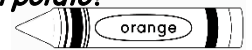
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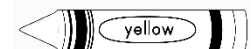
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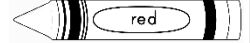
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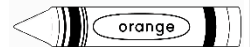
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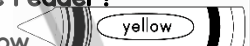
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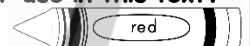
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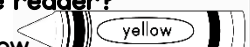
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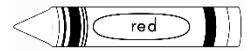
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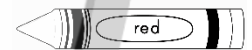
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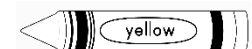
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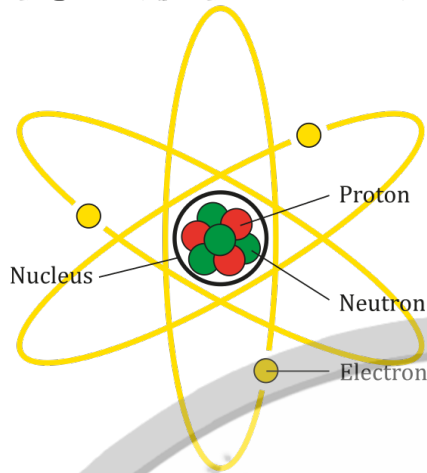


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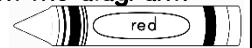
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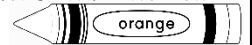
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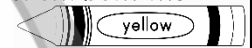
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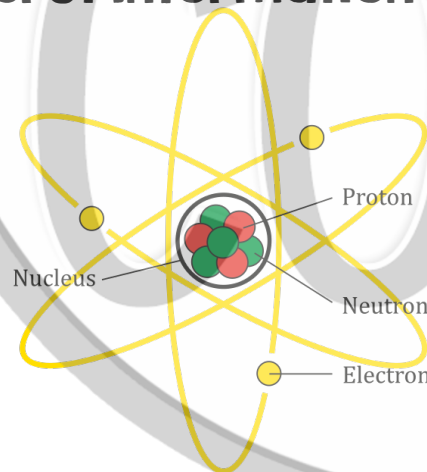
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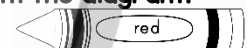
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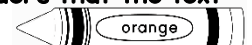
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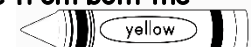
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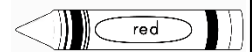
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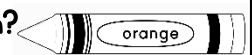
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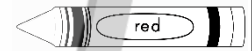
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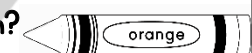
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Pirate crews were often very democratic as well, allowing members to have a say in what happened on their journeys. These crew members also shared responsibilities on ships, working together to make the missions a success.

Kings and queens also saw the value in piracy. Many of them paid pirates to sail for them so their countries could get ahead in the race to discover and claim new lands.

While pirates were often portrayed as the bad guys, they were not without their positive influences as well.

Nothing But Trouble

Pirates sailed the seas from the 1660s to the 1730s. They were criminals who used the ocean as their personal treasure chest.

Pirates were essentially burglars. They hunted down other ships carrying valuables, boarded them, terrorized the crews, and stole the goods for their own use. They often killed captains and crew members on these ships, having no respect for human life.

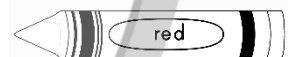
Smuggling illegal goods and getting involved in the slave trade were also acts pirates committed. They were always looking for ways to get richer, not caring who they hurt along the way or which rules they broke.

Pirates also drank too much, had tempers and foul manners, and treated women poorly. Their appetites for destruction and power made them something to be feared during the Age of Exploration.

These nasty men were often caught or died in battle all for the chance at fame and fortune.

1. What is the main topic of both texts?

- a. Exploration
- b. Piracy
- c. High-seas adventures
- d. Treasure



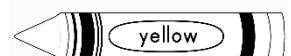
2. What is similar in both texts?

- a. Both discuss the positive qualities of pirates.
- b. Both discuss the negative qualities of pirates.
- c. Both discuss where the pirates sailed on their missions.
- d. Both discuss the actions of pirates from the 1660s to the 1730s.



3. What is the main difference between the two texts?

- a. In the first, pirates are seen as heroes, while in the second, they are criminals.
- b. In the first, pirates are only working for themselves, while in the second, they are hired.
- c. In the first, pirates are brutal, while in the second, they are democratic.
- d. In the first, pirates hunted down other ships, while in the second, they died in battle.



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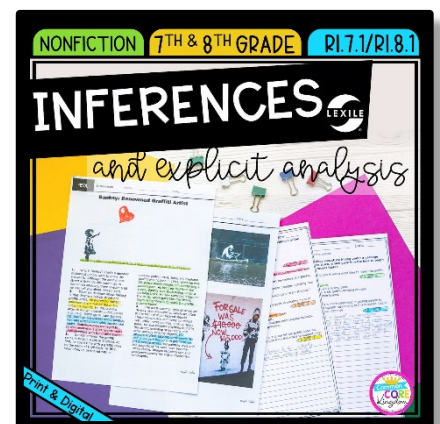
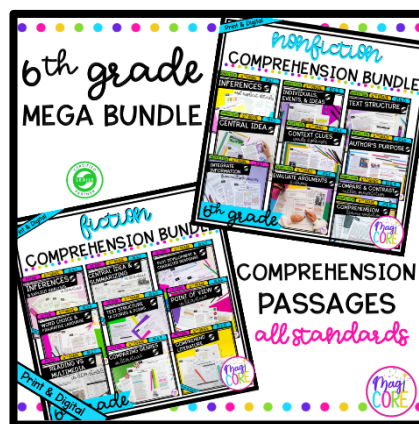
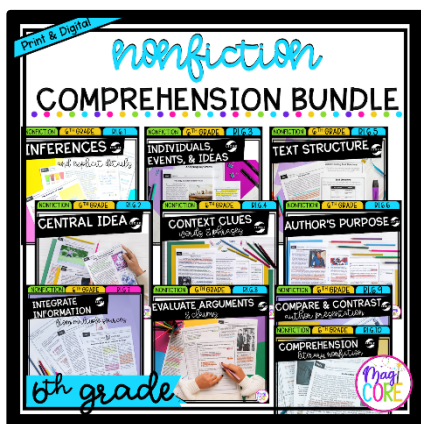


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