

Analyze Multiple & Conflicting Views  
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### Thoughtless Raiders

You've laid your precious Nana to rest and leave flowers at her gravesite every year. Her loss is fresh even though it's been a hundred years later, some of the flowers have passed, and you miss her terribly. A hundred years later, some of the flowers have passed, and you miss her terribly. A hundred years later, some of the flowers have passed, and you miss her terribly. A hundred years later, some of the flowers have passed, and you miss her terribly.

Archaeologists disregard the spiritual beliefs of the past that has already happened? Shouldn't scientists be more concerned with advancing history and not just digging up old bones? Archaeologists are time travelers, embarking on historical trips to uncover some of the world's most intriguing questions. What was life like in ancient civilizations? What tools did early people use? How did they honor their dead? What lessons can we learn from them? Archaeologists contribute invaluable knowledge to our understanding of history.

Cultural heritage is preserved through the work of archaeologists. At each dig site they visit, archaeologists follow protocols to ensure the excavation of precious artifacts is done in a way that limits damage and shows respect for the people historically tied to the location. They often uncover relics by using small trowels, hand shovels, brushes, and even toothbrushes to remove earth surrounding the artifacts. This gentle touch illustrates archaeologists' desire to not disturb historically-significant areas more than necessary. The documentation of archaeological findings is also crucial. Archaeologists collect and document artifacts, highlighting how important the research is to them. They take careful notes, photographs, and videos of their work so they can piece together the puzzles surrounding the artifacts they are studying.

time in nature is good for the body, mind, and soul, for some people, bringing that nature indoors is a bad idea. Plants in the home have several drawbacks. People need to be aware before loading indoor spaces with greenery.

The biggest problem with plants in the home is the potential for triggering allergies. According to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, indoor plants can trigger allergies.



to allergic a common side effect of keeping plants in the home.

Having the same teacher multiple years in a row is good for students. There are many advantages to students and teachers spending a longer amount of time together. The practice is called looping. It's when a teacher teaches the same group of students for more than one year.

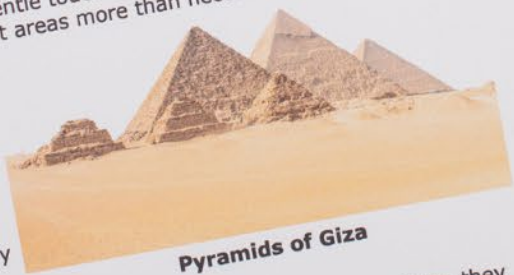
The biggest benefit of looping is the opportunity to build strong teacher-student relationships. These relationships are "a key and core feature of a successful school, and one way to help develop those is by giving teachers and students more time to get to know each other," says Matthew Kraft, an associate professor of education and economics at Brown University. Positive teacher-student relationships are linked to increased student engagement and achievement. Teachers who know their teachers really well don't want to put in extra effort into participating in their classes.

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### Essential Researchers

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Pyramids of Giza

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Another perk of making plants part of your family is that they can reduce stress and anxiety. Studies show that spending time outside in green spaces can improve our wellbeing. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, however, we spend around 90% of our time indoors. Bringing plants into the home is one way to give ourselves that connection to nature our bodies actually crave. As Melinda Knuth, an assistant professor of horticultural science at North Carolina State University, says, "We see a clear connection with plants that being around plants improves cortisol levels in our body." Cortisol is a stress hormone, and it decreases when we encounter plants. Another study found that introducing plants into the workspace resulted in lower stress levels. Teachers who spend less time in the classroom can expect a lower stress level. Teachers who spend less time in the classroom can expect a lower stress level.



# WHAT'S INSIDE?

## ANALYZE MULTIPLE & CONFLICTING VIEWS

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade

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- Anchor chart and question sets
- Color coding to encourage students to use text evidence
- AND two assessments on nonfiction reading passages

## Printable Slides Included





# QUESTIONS

- Skill-focused, scaffolded questions
- Multiple choice and short answer
- Preps students for state testing
- Rigorous and research-based approach to questioning

**970L Analyze Multiple & Conflicting Views**  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Beware of Dog**  
Get a German Shepherd Dog, the said. They are intelligent, loyal, and protective, they make owning was everything. German Shepherds are an incredible challenge. German Shepherds are pure-bred German Shepherds. This is what you learned.

**950L Analyze Multiple & Conflicting Views**  
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**German Shepherd Love**  
If you're interested in owning a majestic creature, look no further than the German Shepherd Dog. This exceptional breed will give you an amazing pet ownership experience. You will become loyal to the breed for life. With so many benefits, German Shepherd Dogs make excellent additions to your family.

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4. This question has two parts. First, answer Part A. Then, answer Part B.  
Part A: In "German Shepherd Love," what evidence does the author use to support the idea that German Shepherd Dogs are smart?  
a. The author gives statistics  
b. The author mentions the dog's intelligence.  
c. The author compares the dog to other breeds.  
d. The author discusses the dog's training.  
Part B: What claim do both texts make?  
a. Both texts state that German Shepherds are intelligent.  
b. Both texts state that German Shepherds are loyal.  
c. Both texts state that German Shepherds are the best breed of dog.  
d. Both texts state that German Shepherds are the best breed of dog for families.

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Answer the following questions. Underline or highlight the text evidence in the color indicated.  
1. What is the main topic the authors address in both texts?  
a. training purebred dogs  
b. German Shepherds as working dogs  
c. owning German Shepherd Dogs  
d. the best dog breeds for families  
2. What is the author's argument in "Beware of Dog?"  
a. Avoid getting a German Shepherd Dog for a pet.  
b. German Shepherds should only be used in the military.  
c. German Shepherds are the best breed of dog.  
d. First-time dog owners shouldn't get a German Shepherd.  
3. Who authored "German Shepherd Love?" What biases might that author have?  
"German Shepherd Love" was written by Chris A., a German Shepherd Dog breeder. Chris A. might have a positive bias towards German Shepherds, as they are involved in breeding and likely have a strong affection for the breed. This bias could influence the way they describe the dogs, emphasizing their positive traits and downplaying potential challenges.

*The two texts present "German Shepherd Love" as the breed's "intelligence" on the other hand, "Beware of German Shepherd owner, of..."*

**Magi CORE**

# ANCHOR CHART

- Anchor chart breaking down how to analyze multiple and conflicting views on a topic
- Practice passage and warmup activity sheet
- Use to introduce the skill
- Students reference throughout the unit
- Use in student journal as a reference

**Analyze Multiple & Conflicting Views**  
Fill in the graphic organizer to analyze multiple and conflicting views on the same topic.

**Main Topic**  
What is the focus of all the texts?  
*Both texts focus on the impact of logging on the environment, but they present contrasting perspectives. Text 1 highlights the positive aspects of logging, while text 2 argues against logging due to its negative consequences.*

**Text #1**  
What is the author's argument?  
*The author argues that responsible logging can promote biodiversity, benefit local economies, and mitigate climate change.*

**Text #2**  
What is the author's argument?  
*The author contends that logging leads to habitat loss, soil erosion, and worsens climate change, advocating for a complete halt to logging activities.*

**Evidence Analysis**  
*Both texts discuss climate change and logging as interconnected issues.*

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Text 1	Text 2	Text 3

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**Read all the texts.**

**Determine the main topic.**

**Identify the author's argument.**

**Find commonalities and differences in evidence.**

**Question the interpretations and validity.**

**Analyze Multiple & Conflicting Views**  
Let's Try! Read the passages "Love for Logging" and "Save the Trees" below, then answer the questions on the graphic organizer.

**Love for Logging**

**Save the Trees**

...of trees, where mere stumps populate the...  
...ures have nowhere to live. The logging industry...  
...is horror a reality. Cutting down trees affects...  
...et Earth. It is not beneficial to the environment...  
...to the loss of critical habitats. When entire...  
...awed to their deaths, countless plants and...  
...ng results in a loss of biodiversity. It places...  
...xtinction. Animals need trees for food, nesting...  
...natural order brought on by the large-scale...  
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...ight they receive when the canopies of larger...  
...their survival in jeopardy. The loss of animals...  
...ffect that irreversibly destroys habitats...  
...erosion. Trees' roots anchor forest soil to the...  
...lost to logging, the soil becomes unstable. This...  
...sedimentation when precipitation falls. We los...  
...n this happens, and we need that soil to grow...  
...le soil also pollutes the water and endangers...  
...addition, the erosion caused by the absence of...  
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...e carbon sponges, absorbing carbon dioxide...  
...se that greenhouse gas as food. Trees...  
...and humans need for survival. W...  
...areas are cleared, there are few...  
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# WHY IT WORKS

- Certified Lexile measures
- High - interest texts to motivate readers
- Cross - curricular topics
- Scaffold approach will help your students meet grade level expectations.
- Classroom tested! Trusted by over 1,000 teachers... and counting!... To help students grow their reading skills

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- 😊☹️ State your position on the topic.

**Analyze Multiple & Conflicting Views**

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**Text #2**  
What is the author's argument?  
The author argues that logging is a harmful practice that leads to soil erosion, habitat loss, and environmental damage.

**Evidence Analysis**  
What does the evidence in each text have in common?  
How is the evidence different in the two texts?  
Both texts discuss the impact of logging on biodiversity and local economies. Text 1 emphasizes the benefits of logging, while text 2 emphasizes the environmental harm caused by logging.

**Biases and Validity**  
Do the authors have any biases? Is the argument biased?  
Text 1 is biased in favor of logging, citing economic benefits. Text 2 is biased against logging, citing environmental concerns. Both arguments have validity but are biased.

**Reader's Position**  
What are your thoughts on the topic after reading both texts?  
Both texts have valid points, but I believe that responsible logging is essential for sustainable resource management. However, environmental concerns must be addressed to ensure long-term sustainability.

# ALIGNS TO SCIENCE OF READING

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## ABOUT LEXILE LEVELS


MagCore is a certified Lexile® Partner. These texts are officially measured and approved by Lexile and MetaMetrics® to ensure appropriate rigor and differentiation for students.

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Common Core State Standards uses Lexile level bands as one measure of text complexity. Text complexity ranges ensure that students are college and career ready by the end of 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Lexile measures help educators scaffold and differentiate instruction, as well as monitor reading growth.

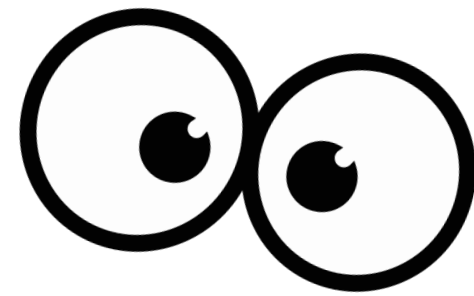
Grade Band	Lexile® Bands Aligned to Common Core Expectations
K-1	
2-3	N/A
4-5	420L-820L
6-8	740L-1010L
	925L-1351L

Keep in mind when using any leveled text that many students will need support to reach text at the high end of their grade band. The expectation that scaffolding will occur with appropriate. It is important to recognize that the standards' grade-by-grade text complexity expectations are built into the Standards' grade-by-grade text complexity expectations. The general movement, however, should be toward decreasing scaffolding independence both within and across the text complexity bands.



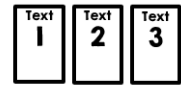


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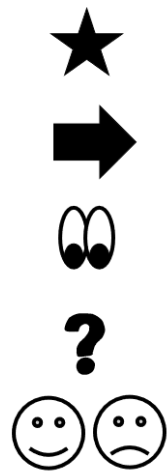


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- To analyze multiple and conflicting views on the same topic:**
- Carefully read each text. Determine the main topic all the texts discuss. Identify the author's argument in each text.
  - Evaluate each author's use of evidence to support their particular position.
  - Ask:
    - What pieces of evidence are common/different in the texts?
    - How are the interpretations of the facts different in each text?
    - Are the texts biased in some way? How?
    - Which text has the most valid argument? Why?
  - Summarize your thoughts about the authors' positions. Which article did you prefer? Why? What is your position on the topic?

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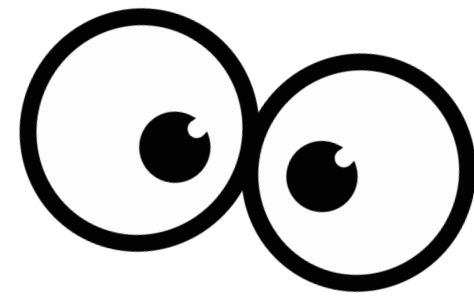
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# CHECK THIS OUT TOO!



1020L

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Plants can also sharpen attention. A UK study recently found that houseplants in office spaces improve wellbeing, concentration, and productivity by 47%, and it doesn't even matter which plants are used. Another study brought plants into elementary school classrooms. Improvements in attention and concentration were seen in brain scans of those who spent time in the company of real plants. Gains in productivity have also been reported in studies where plants are added to the workspace. In short, greenery in the scenery makes us focus better.

Even if adding plants to your home didn't give you all these healthy benefits, they definitely add beauty to your home and will make you happy. One experiment showed that people who spent a mere 5-10 minutes with a few houseplants felt happier than those in a plant-free space. Invite a plant to live with you today and live happily ever after together.

Written by Scott W., florist

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Answer the following questions. Underline or highlight the text evidence in the color indicated.

- What topic is presented by both authors? 
  - plant growth and development
  - growing plants from seed
  - having plants inside the home
  - types of houseplants
- What conflicting views are developed in the two texts? 
  - "A Green Roommate" states all plants are good for the home, while "Plants Not Welcome Here" cautions against some types of plants.
  - "A Green Roommate" is for plants in the home, while "Plants Not Welcome Here" is against plants in the home.
  - "Plants Not Welcome Here" argues plants are too expensive, while "A Green Roommate" says they are not costly.
  - "Plants Not Welcome Here" states plants live better outside, while "A Green Roommate" argues they live better inside.
- How does each author interpret the NASA study on plants as air purifiers to advance their argument? 

Lined writing area for student answers.

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Part A: How does the author of "A Green Roommate" support the claim that houseplants improve wellbeing? 

- by quoting Melinda Knuth, an assistant professor of horticultural science at North Carolina State University
- by referring to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
- by stating that plants absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen
- by interviewing florists to get houseplant recommendations

Part B: How does the author of "Plants Not Welcome Here" dispute the claim in Part A?

- by showing how houseplants pollute the air inside the home
- by illustrating how houseplants are difficult to care for inside the home
- by including facts about how houseplants affect stress hormone levels in the body
- by discussing how houseplants can trigger allergies and respiratory illnesses

5. Which argument appears more valid? Why? 

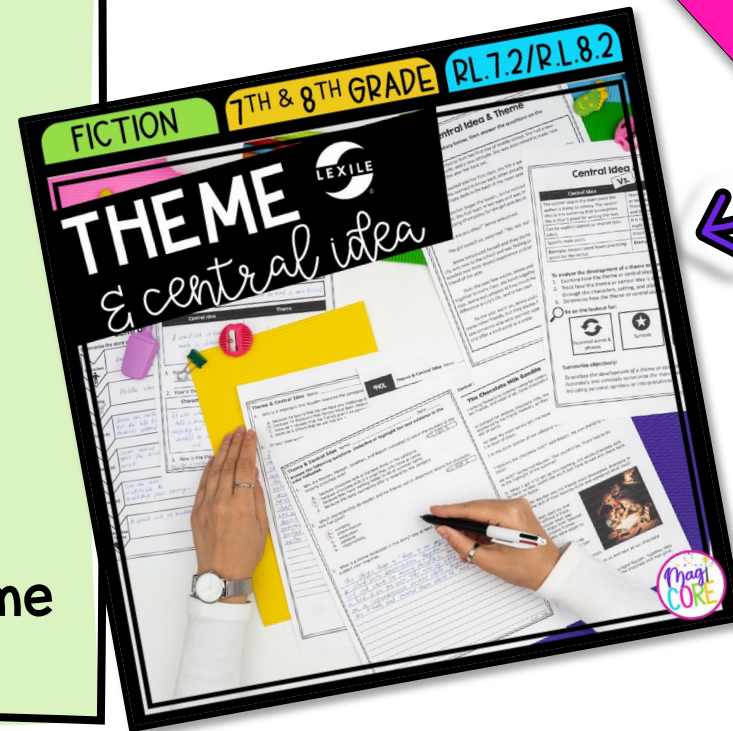
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