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99 differentiated passages

11 recipe

11 poem

reading sentences

66 booklets



99 DIFFERENTIATED PASSAGES

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3 levels of each
passage type

Below grade level * On grade level *
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Name _____ Date _____

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★★★★★★★★★ NON-FICTION PASSAGE

I can read informational texts and answer questions to show comprehension.

SEPTEMBER 11TH

We remember two towers.

We remember two planes.

We remember two towers fell.

We remember people helped.

We remember

September 11th

1. What do we remember?
☐ cars
☐ two towers
☐ dogs

2. What is the main idea of the text?
☐ planes
☐ people
☐ September 11th

3. What does remember mean?
☐ to think about
☐ to talk
☐ to sing

4. What is the same about the towers and the planes?
☐ They are tall.



|| non-fiction

this passage is below
grade level

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♥♥♥♥♥♥♥ FICTION PASSAGE

I can read fictional texts and answer questions to show comprehension.

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES

On Friday, we had our Valentine's Day party at school.

That morning we passed out valentine cards. My friend, Tommy, was sad. He didn't have valentines to give. Mom sent some extra valentines in my backpack.

I gave the extra valentines to Tommy. He smiled from ear to ear.

I liked seeing the valentines I got. But I

Tommy

1. When does this story take place?
☐ Friday
☐ Thursday
☐ at school

2. Why was Tommy sad?
☐ he didn't have valentines to give
☐ he was sick
☐ he didn't like Valentine's Day

3. What does he smiled from ear to ear mean in this story?
☐ his smile looks like ears
☐ he gave a big smile
☐ he was sad

4. What lesson did the author learn?
☐ Valentine's day isn't fun.
☐ Valentine's day is fun.
☐ It's important to share.



|| fiction

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grade level

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♣♣♣♣♣ HOW TO PASSAGE

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GIVE ME GOLD!

Legend says that leprechauns buried gold in black pots all over Ireland a long time ago. So, if you want to find some gold, you'll have to follow these tricky steps!

First, wait for a rainbow to show up. Legend says that the rainbows point to the pots of gold. Then, find the end of the rainbow.

Once you find the end of the rainbow, you will see a leprechaun. He will be watching the pot of gold to make sure no one steals it.

Just trick the leprechaun and sneak past him. Then, the gold will be yours. It's hard, but it's worth it!

1. Who watches the pots of gold?
☐ rainbows
☐ leprechauns
☐ no one

2. Where does the legend say pots of gold are?
☐ at the end of a rainbow
☐ in the lake
☐ in the clouds

3. What's another good title for this passage?
☐ Trick Leprechauns
☐ I See a Rainbow
☐ How To Find a Pot of Gold

4. Why does the author say you'll need lots of good luck?
☐ It's hard to find the end of the rainbow.



|| how-to

this passage is above
grade level

THE SAME 4 QUESTIONS FOR EACH LEVEL

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Differentiated passages with the same 4 questions to facilitate whole group reading and discussion.

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NON-FICTION PASSAGE

Name _____

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Answer questions to show comprehension.

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- ☐ doctor
- ☐ priest
- ☐ doctor and priest

2. What's the main topic of the text?

- ☐ St. Valentine
- ☐ Valentine's Day
- ☐ church

3. What does persecuted mean, according to the text?

- ☐ people were safe
- ☐ people were hurt
- ☐ Christians were safe
- ☐ Christians were hurt

4. Why do we celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14th?

- ☐ It's cold
- ☐ February is the best month
- ☐ that's when St. Valentine died

Name _____

Date _____



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NON-FICTION PASSAGE

I can read informational texts and answer questions to show comprehension.

SAINT VALENTINE

Valentine's day is named for an important historical figure named St. Valentine. St. Valentine was a Roman doctor. He was also a priest in the early church when many Christian people were treated poorly and persecuted. He helped keep them safe.

One day, St. Valentine wrote a love note for a friend of his. He wrote it, "Your Valentine." On February 14th, St. Valentine died.

Today, we celebrate Valentine's day on February 14th. We send valentines to our friends just as St. Valentine did many years ago.

Valentines - 3

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grade level



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MORE TEXT TYPES WITH QUESTIONS

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 **RECIPE**

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SHAMROCK SMOOTHIE



Ingredients:

- 6 kiwi, peeled and cut
- 1 cup of green grapes
- 1 banana, cut
- 6 ounces of vanilla yogurt
- 1 cup of orange juice
- 3 Tablespoons of honey
- 1 drop of green food coloring

Directions:

Freeze kiwi and banana. Combine grapes, yogurt, orange juice, honey and some of the frozen fruit in a blender until smooth. Add remaining fruit slowly and blend. Add food coloring. Pour into glasses. Put a kiwi slice on top as a garnish so it looks pretty.

St. Patrick's Day

recipe

1. How much orange juice do I need for this recipe?
☐ 1 cup
☐ 1 ounce
☐ 1 Tablespoon

2. What do I need to make the smoothie?
☐ nothing
☐ peel the fruit
☐ peel the fruit and blend

3. When should I make the smoothie?
☐ First
☐ second
☐ last

4. What do I do according to the recipe?
☐ From the top
☐ down
☐ fruit

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 **POETRY PASSAGE**

I can read poetry and answer questions to show comprehension.

VETERAN'S DAY

Veterans are the men and women who served in the military and back then.

They work at home, in the field, or in the hospital.

They make it fun and remember.

Let's all Veterans!

poem

1. Who can be a veteran?
☐ men
☐ women
☐ men and women

2. What does this poem teach us about?
☐ Veterans
☐ flowers
☐ trades

3. What does honor mean?
☐ to have fun
☐ to appreciate
☐ to be a Veteran

4. When does the author say is Veteran's Day?
☐ in a parade
☐ in November
☐ anytime



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 **READING SENTENCES**

I can read sentences to find the missing word.

VALENTINE'S DAY

Americans celebrate Valentine's Day in _____.
☐ December ☐ January ☐ February

Hearts are a symbol _____ love.
☐ on ☐ of ☐ in

Many people give valentine cards _____ their friends.

_____ you _____ words on them?

I like Valentine's Day _____ my brother thinks it's gross!
☐ but ☐ so ☐ because

reading sentences

Valentines

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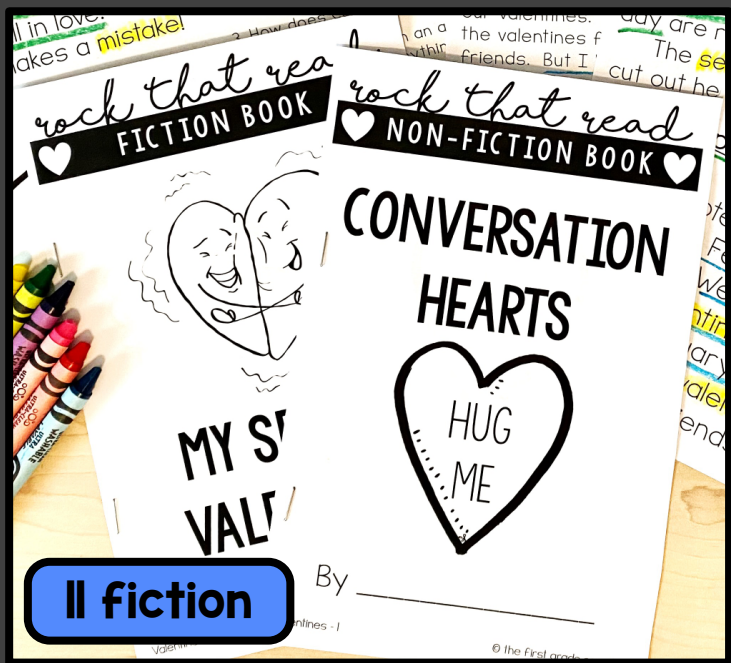
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Name: JOSEPH Date: 9-7 *rock that read*

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **NON-FICTION PASSAGE**

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SEPTEMBER 11TH

On September 11, 2001, the twin towers in New York City were attacked. Two planes hit the towers. Both towers fell down. Many people died.

President Bush came to New York. He thanked policemen and firemen. They worked hard to clean up the mess.

We remember those who died. A memorial is a place of honor for the twin towers to help us remember September 11th.

1. Where did this event happen?
☐ New York City
☐ September
☐ President Bush

2. What is the main idea of the text?
☐ Planes hit the towers.
☐ People worked hard to help.
☒ We remember September 11th.

3. What is a memorial?
☐ a tower
☒ a place to help us remember
☐ New York City

4. What is the same about the towers and the plane?
☐ They are tall.
☒ There are two of each.
☐ Nothing is the same.



WHAT OTHER TEACHERS ARE SAYING

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Wow! Love this resource. Makes differentiating guided reading instruction a breeze. Thanks!

~Krista

These readings were great for my 3rd and 4th grade special education classroom. The stories were short and engaging and the questions aligned with the standards being practiced. For some of my groups I read the passages to them, and my groups that were able to, read independently and answered the questions.

~Melissa

Loved all the options to help students at different levels read and enjoy themed reading material. So easy to pull skills in. Thank you!

~Stacey

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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What reading standards are these passages aligned to?

These reading comprehension passages align with all of the Common Core reading standards. They cover multiple text types and question types.

What kinds of comprehension questions are used?

All of these question types are used throughout each resource: key details, main idea/topic, inferencing, vocabulary, characters, setting, problem, solution, author's reasons, identify narrator, compare/contrast characters, connecting characters/events.

Are there non-holiday passage options as well?

Yes! Many of the passages and texts are themed for the time of year and not holiday specific. So, you can find something that fits the needs of all of your kids!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

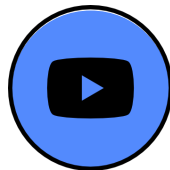
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Hey y'all! I'm Whitney Shaddock, the teacher author and blogger at the first grade roundup. I'm a National Board Certified teacher with my Masters Degree and have over 10 years of first grade experience in both high poverty and high wealth public schools. I've taught PreK Sunday School for over 17 years. I married my high school sweetheart in 2006. We were blessed with a beautiful boy in 2012 after years of infertility. In 2019, we adopted premie twins.

In 2011, I opened my TPT store. I love sharing real, practical resources I've tested and used in my own classroom. I am passionate about resources that align with the science of reading and full lesson plans and units to use in my classroom. Oh, and color coding is my love language! ☺

I love meeting new teachers, so let's connect!



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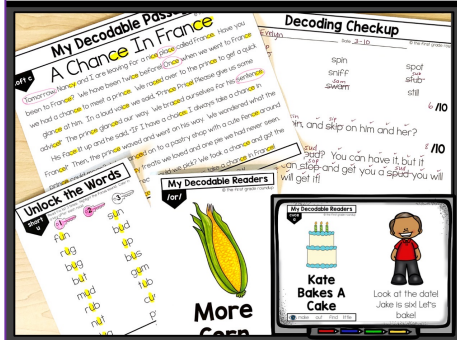


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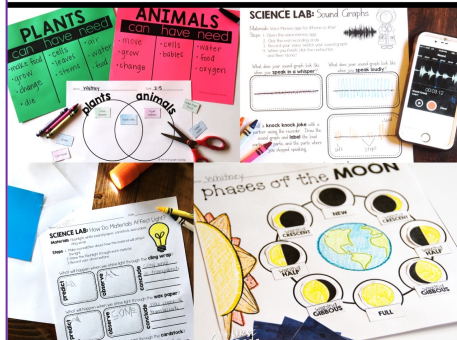
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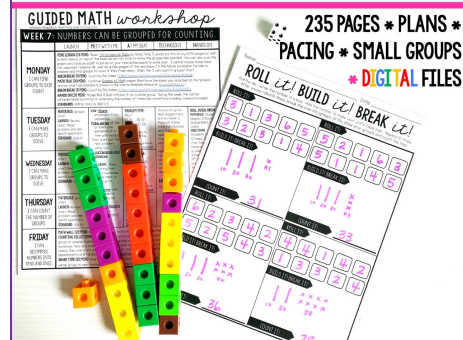
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