Differentiated Reading Passages **UNDERSTANDING CHARACTERS** Same Story, 3 Different Reading Levels

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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

This resources includes differentiated reading passages, skill—based graphic organizers, and comprehension passages based on the passages.



3 Sets of Differentiated Reading Passages Each set includes the same story written at three different levels for a total of 9 passages.



Graphic Organizer Each story has a graphic organizer students can use in response to that story, OR, it can be used with any text to practice the same skill.

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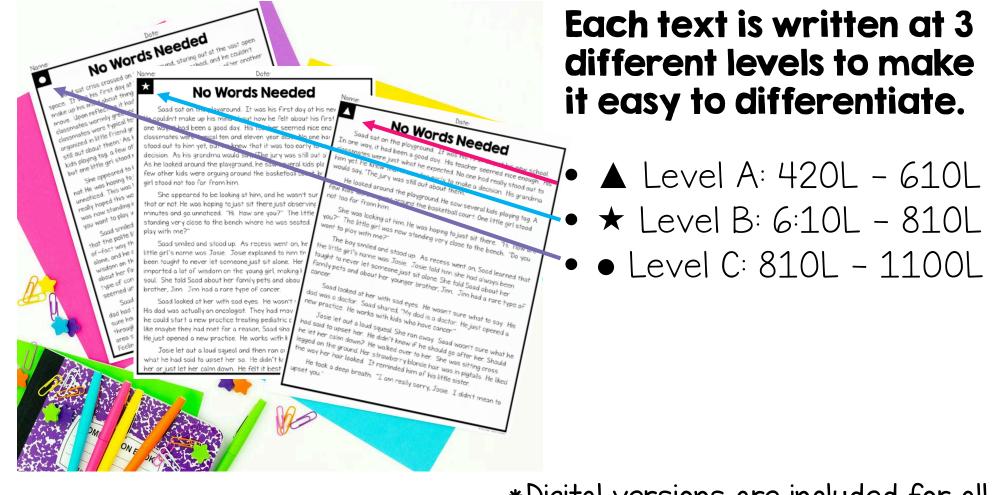
Reading Response Questions

Each story also includes a set of reading response question that could be answered using any level of passages, so it doesn't matter if your students are reading level A, B, or C, the answer to the questions will still be the same.

Digital versions are included for all templates.

EASY TO DIFFERENTIATE

Each story is written at three different levels. You can select the level that is best for your entire class, or you can let students choose the level they want to read. This makes discussing the same text whole group so much easier.



Digital versions are included for all passages and response pages.

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I love to provide both print and digital options in my resources. This resource includes a digital version created using Google Slides.

In addition to the print version, you get a digital version created using Google Slides for all the passages, response pages, and graphic organizers.

Rest assured, you can use this resource in both faceto-face and virtual classrooms. \star The \$100 Dilemma I told my mom goodbye, grabbed my dance bag, and exited the car. It was Monday! Mondays were always a bit better because I had my favorite dance classes - tap and jazz With a spring in my step, I hurried to the front doors. I felt something drop to the ground and stooped over to look. On the ground beside me was a crisp \$100 bill. I looked around and sow that no one was watching. My petite hand reached for the bill. Was it real? It looks real, I thought I knew that I shouldn't pick it up, but I wanted to. Following the internal battle in my mind, I did pick it up. I studied the bill closely. The new tennis shoes I had been saving up for flashed in my mind. They were only \$135. With the other money I had been saving, I could finally buy them. Hurrying into dance class, I stuffed the money deep into my bag. I began warmups alongside Trisha, a long time dance friend. *How was your day, Trisha?* I inquired. *Pretty good, Lacey. How about yours? Thinking back to the money I had just found, I would rate my day as top notch - superb - splendid - the best day ever, but I couldn't tell her an of that. So instead, I just replied "It was okay." Mrs. Vance, the dance instructor, greeted everyone. "Good evening, girls and boys. Today, we will begin practicing for the upcoming recital." I was excited to prepare for the recital. I was supposed to do a solo performance. I was so distracted by the money that I couldn't even think about my solo right now. I made it through the first fifteen minutes of class before I found myself feeling so nervous and my stomach hurt really bad. I asked to be excused and went to the bathroom. I was thinking about the money I had picked up and wondering who it belonged to.





A LOOK INSIDE... STORY #1

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A LOOK INSIDE... STORY #2

Passage C - Level 810L - 110L Passage B - Level 610L- 810L Passage A - Level 420L - 610L Was it the money someone was going to use to pay their dance tuition Was it the money someone was going to use to pay their dance tuition Taking a deep breath, I washed my hands and walked back to class. Had they intended to use it for groceries later that day? Had they intended to use it for proceries later that day? The teacher noticed I seemed a bit off. Taking a deep breath, I exhaled, washed my hands, walked back to dance Taking a deep breath, I washed my hands and walked back to dance "Do you want to call your mom?" asked Mrs. Vance. I didn't. I wasn't class, and tried to focus. The teacher noticed I seemed a bit off and asked if class. The teacher noticed T seemed a bit off and asked if T wanted to call sure how to explain my problem. wonted to call my morn. I didn't. I wasn't sure how to explain my my morn. I didn't. I wasn't sure how to explain my dilemma. 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I was Directions Read the passage The \$100 Diemma Answer the Following questions using details from the text Directions: While you are reading, jot down text clues about Lacey's Feelings, speech (dalogue), actions, and y solo right now. I made it through the first fifteen minutes a about my solo. I made it poriate make sure to answer in conselete senter houghts. Then use all of those details the make some inferences about her personality. How would you ore I found myself feeling so nervous and my stomach hurt r describe her character? What traits can you infer from the text? before I found myself f 1. Why did Lacev tell Trisha that her day was just ak when really she felt like it was topsked to be excused and went to the bathroom. I was thinking notch? Explain your thinking. I asked to go to the bath ey I had picked up and wondering who it belonged to. CHARACTER'S FEELINGS CHARACTER'S ACTIONS picked up and wondering 2. At what point did Lacey's Feelings about Finding the \$100 bill change? How do you know? The Response CHARACTER'S TRAITS Sheet and 3. Think about ALL of Lacey's personality traits. What are some of her positive traits and what are some of her negative traits. Identify at least one positive and one negative trait and use evidence from the text to support your thinking. Graphic Organizer work with ALL 3 4. What would you have done if you were Lacey and had found a \$100 bil? Passages!

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CHARACTER'S SPEECH



CHARACTER'S THOUGHTS

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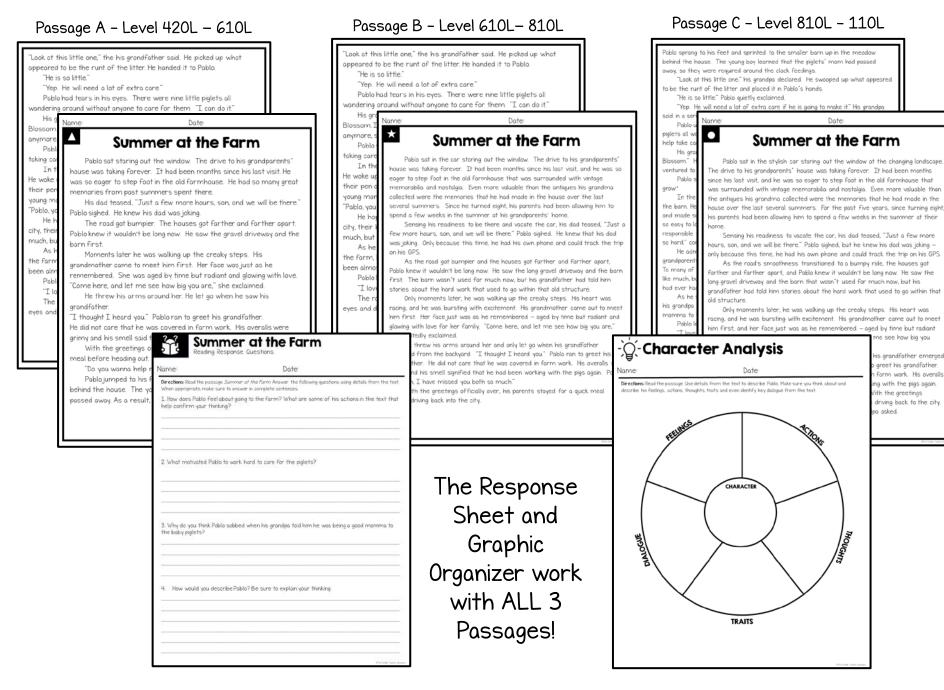
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A LOOK INSIDE... STORY #3





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