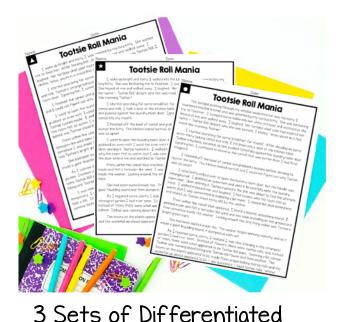
Differentiated Reading Passages UNDERSTANDING SETTING

Same Story, 3 Different Reading Levels



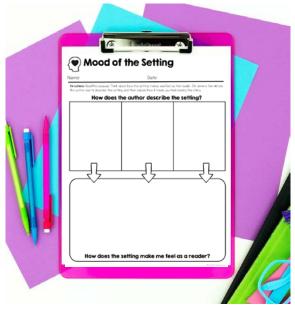
WHAT'S INCLUDED?

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



Reading Passages

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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.



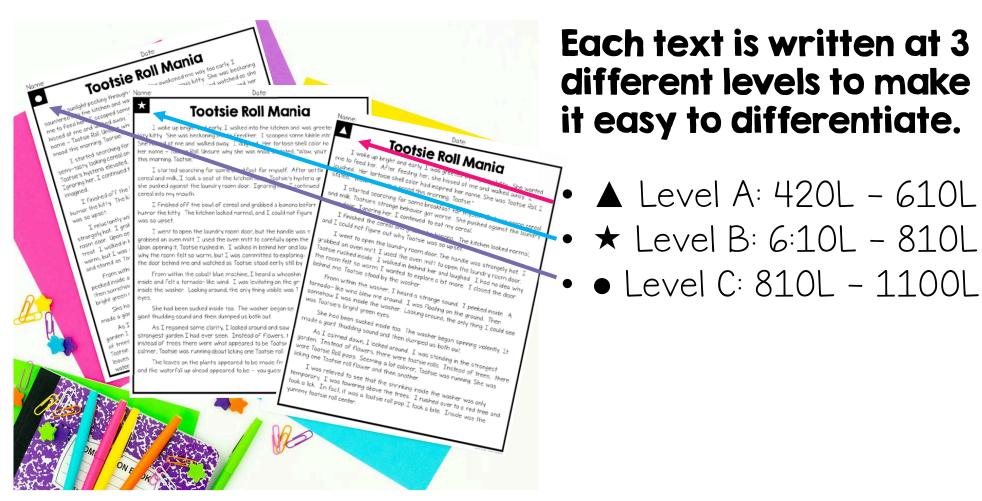
Reading Response Questions

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.

Includes Digital Versions

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 face to—face and virtual classrooms.







A LOOK INSIDE... STORY

Passage A - Level 420L - 610L

She wiped at her eyes. He couldn't tell if she was crying. "You didn't. Not really," she replied.

He wanted to say he didn't understand then. He wanted to say that it made no sense why she would run away if it wasn't something he had said. But he knew that would not be nice.

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Tootsie Roll Mania

I woke up bright and early. I was greeted by my lazy kitty. She wanted Severo me to feed her. After feeding her, she hissed at me and walked away. I laughed. Her tortoise shell color had inspired her name. She was Tootsie Roll. I for tha stated, "Wow, you're in a mood this morning, Tootsie,"

> I started searching for some breakfast for myself. I chose some cereal and milk. Tootsie's strange behavior got worse. She pushed against the laundry room door. Ignoring her, I continued to eat my cereal.

I finished the cereal and grabbed a banana. The kitchen looked normal, and I could not figure out why Tootsie was so upset.

T went to open the laundry room door. The handle was strangely hot. I grabbed an oven mitt. I used the oven mitt to open the laundry room door. ootsie rushed inside. I walked in behind her and laughed. I had no idea why the room felt so warm. I wanted to explore a bit more. I closed the door behind me. Tootsie stood by the washer.

From within the washer, I heard a strange sound. I peeked inside. A tornado-like wind blew me around. I was floating on the ground. Then somehow I was inside the washer. Looking around, the only thing I could see was Tootsie's bright green eyes.

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Tootsie Roll Mania

Directions Read the passage Toatse Roll Mana Answer the Following guestions using details from the text

1. How would you describe the setting at the beginning of the story? Use evidence from the

How would you describe the setting in the middle of the story? Use evidence from the

3. How does the child feel about the Tootsie Roll garden? How do you know this is how he/she

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Passage B - Level 610L-810L

situation, so he walked over to her. She was sitting cross legged on the ground. Her strawberry blonde hair was in pigtails. He liked the way her hair looked. It reminded him of his little sister.

He took a deep breath. "I am really sorry, Josie. I didn't mean to

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Tootsie Roll Mania

I wake up bright and early. I walked into the kitchen and was greeted by my

lazy kitty. She was beckoning me to feed her. I scooped some kibble into her bowl

She hissed at me and walked away. I laughed. Her tortoise shell color had inspired

her name - Tootsie Roll. Unsure why she was mad, I stated, "Wow, you're in a mood

cereal and milk, I took a seat at the kitchen table. Tootsie's hysteria grew louder, as

she pushed against the laundry room door. Ignoring her, I continued to shovel the

I started searching for some breakfast for myself. After settling on some

From within the cobalt blue machine, I heard a whooshing sound. I peeked inside and felt a tornado—like wind. I was levitating on the ground and then somehow washer. Looking around, the only thing visible was Tootsie's bright green

and been sucked inside too. The washer began spinning violently. It r ding sound and then dumped us both out.

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The Response Sheet and Graphic Organizer work with ALL 3 Passages!

Passage C - Level 810L - 110L

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I started searching for some breakfast for myself. After deciding on some emi-tasty looking cereal and milk, I fell down into a seat at the kitchen table. Footsie's hysteria elevated, as she pushed forcefully against the laundry room door Ignoring her. I continued to shave in the cereal that was better than I had first

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I reluctantly walked over to open the laundry room door, but the handle was strangely hot. I grabbed an oven mitt and used it to carefully open the laundry room door. Upon opening it, Tootsie rushed in like she was about to find the ultimate treat. I walked in behind her and laughed. I had no idea why the room felt so worm, but I was committed to exploring a bit more. I closed the door behind me and stared as Tootsie stood eerily still by the washer.

Story Settings Change

Directions Read the passage. Think about how the setting changes from the beginning to the end of the story.

How does the setting connect to the problem Describe the setting (time, place, environment): or challenge?

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Passage A - Level 420L - 610L

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Taking a deep breath, I washed my hands and walked back to class.

"Do you want to call your mom?" asked Mrs. Vance. I didn't. I wasn't

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Times of the Past

Personal aircrafts zoomed above. Helena exited the school building where she worked daily. These things still shocked her! The young woman had spent the last ten years of her life stuck in a broken time travel machine. She missed an entire decade of living in her present life. When she finally returned to the present, she had missed ten years of her life. She also found the world was a

"Watch out!" velled one onary man. He was flying a little too close. She held her books close to her chest. She walked to her car.

"Why are you still using that thing?" Earl, her closest friend, called out. He was a teacher too. "It's dependable, Earl," she replied. But she realized that things have changed a lot during her time away. People no longer drove cars. People no longer read books. The list went on and on, but she refused to change

He boarded his Aviator 1,000. He stated, 'This boby is beyond dependable.' Standing upright, he pulled the seatbelt around him. Next, he pushed the green button. The back area went from dull and boring to fully lit up. Choosing to rush home, he turned the dial and was only gone in a flash. Sixty seconds later, Earl was home. Five miles in 60 seconds wasn't bod at all.

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Hero, his favorite hologram, He wanted Helena to give th to phone her (so old school) disled her number.

Times of The Past

Directions Read the passage Times of The Plast. Answer the following questions using details from the text

1. How would you describe the setting of the passage? Use text evidence in your description

2. How does Helena feel about the world she is living in? How do you know?

How does Earl feel about the world he is living in? How do you know?

Helena's Feelings about the setting changes throughout the story. Explain how her Feelings change. How do you know her Feelings have changed?

Passage B - Level 610L-810L

Was it the money someone was going to use to pay their dance tuition Had they intended to use it for groceries later that day?

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As he boarded his Aviator 1,000, he stated, "This baby is beyond dependable."

Standing upright, he pulled the seatbelt around him, pushed the green button, and the back area went from dull and boring to fully illuminated. Choosing to rush his way to home, he cranked the dial and was only gone in a flash. Only sixty seconds later, Earl had traveled the 5 miles to his home on Betsey.

> inutes later. he was relaxing in his virtual spa. Helena drave post e laughed and thought. Well. I'll be, there's twenty minutes of her ever getting back. You think she would want to make up for lost tir ina spent ten years trapped in a time travel machine

a virtual towel to dry off from his spa treatment. Then he change orted to his favorite diner. Hero, his favorite hologram, was working He knew that Hero always served up the best code desserts of ar in town. He came here weekly and was never disappointed. ed Helena to give the place a try. He knew the only way to reach her her (so old school), he thought He took out his Apple iPhone 78 and

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Passage C - Level 810L - 110L

Was it the money someone was going to use to pay their dance tuition Had they intended to use it for groceries later that day?

Taking a deep breath, I exhaled, washed my hands, walked back to dance class, and tried to focus. The teacher noticed I seemed a bit off and asked if wanted to call my mam. I didn't. I wasn't sure how to explain my

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Personal aircrafts zoomed around Helena's head as soon as she vacated the Tist school building. Until the past month, the last ten years of her life had been be staring spent trapped in a malfunctioning time travel machine. When she finally "Well_whe returned to the present, her biggest adjustment wasn't that she had missed ten backpack. years of her actual life, but that her world had become somewhat futuristic. She I started often wondered if the time travel machine didn't accidentally take her to the going to tu

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Directions While you are reading, think about the setting and how it impacts the characters, events, and your

How does the setting Describe the setting: impact the character's actions?

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Would you want to live there? Explain

How do the characters feel about the setting?

How does the setting impact the story events?





A LOOK INSIDE... STORY #3

Passage A - Level 420L - 610L

Look at this little one," the his grandfather said. He picked up what appeared to be the runt of the litter. He handed it to Pablo "He is so little." "Yep. He will need a lot of extra care." Pablo had tears in his eyes. There were nine little piglets all wandering around without anyone to care for them. "I can do it."

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A Boy's Curiosity

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He was standing in weeds almost as tall as him. The twelve year old felt like the old school bus was staring at him. He wondered what stories it had to tell. The sun was setting. Shadows were starting to fall all around the trees that had shielded the bus from people driving by.

Should he attempt to go inside? He had considered this many times. Thick ivy arew around the windows. The likelihood of spiders, snakes, and other creepy creatures made him second guess his choice. However, he had brought his best friend. Titus, with him.

What do you think? Cord asked his friend as the last hit of daylight was overtaken by a deep dark that had fallen abnormally quick. Titus responded immediately, "Let's do it!"

The boys had come prepared. Each had a backpack. Inside was a flashlight, digital camera, bug spray, and sno

A Boys Curiosity

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Directions Read the passage A Boy's Curosity Answer the Following questions using details from the text

1. How does Cord Feel about aging to investigate the bus? What are some of his actions in the

2. How does Titus Feel about going to investigate the bus? What are some of his actions in the

4. What would you have done if you were one of the boys investigating the bus? Explain you

3. How would you describe the bus? Use text evidence in your description

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Titus pushed Cord to the si budge. Cord took a turn. Th other side. Cord stated, "Le-

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A Boy's Curiosity

Since Cord moved into the early 19th century home, he had been able to resolve a lot of his questions. He had explored the secret rooms in his home, found answers about the courtyard in the back, and learned the history of the underground cellar that was a few hundred yards from his home. Each one of these treasures added to his home's stronge history, but there was one mystery that still evaded the curious box

He was standing in weeds almost as tall as his twelve-year old self. The preteer felt like the old school bus was staring at him in a mocking way. He wondered what stories it had to tell. The sun was setting, and the shodows were starting to fall all around the trees that had shielded the bus from people driving by. All this was happening at an abnormally fast pace.

Should he attempt to go inside? He had considered this many times. Thick ivy grew around the windows seeming to obscure its identity even more. The likelihood of spiders, snakes, and other creepy creatures made him second guess his choice. However, he had brought his best friend, Titus, with him.

"What do you think?" Cord asked his friend as the last bit of daylight was overtaken by a deep darkness. Titus responded immediately, "Let's do it!"

The boys had come prepared. Each had a backpack with a flashlight, digital oug spray, and snacks inside

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Passage C - Level 810L - 110L

behind the house. The young boy learned that the piglets' mom had possed away, so they were required around the clock feedings. "Look at this little one," his grandpa declared. He swooped up what appeared to be the runt of the litter and placed it in Pablo's hands. "He is so little." Pablo quietly exclaimed.

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Mood of the Setting

Directions: Read the passage. Think about how the setting makes you feel as the reader. Jot down a few details

How does the author describe the setting?

How does the setting make me feel as a reader?





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