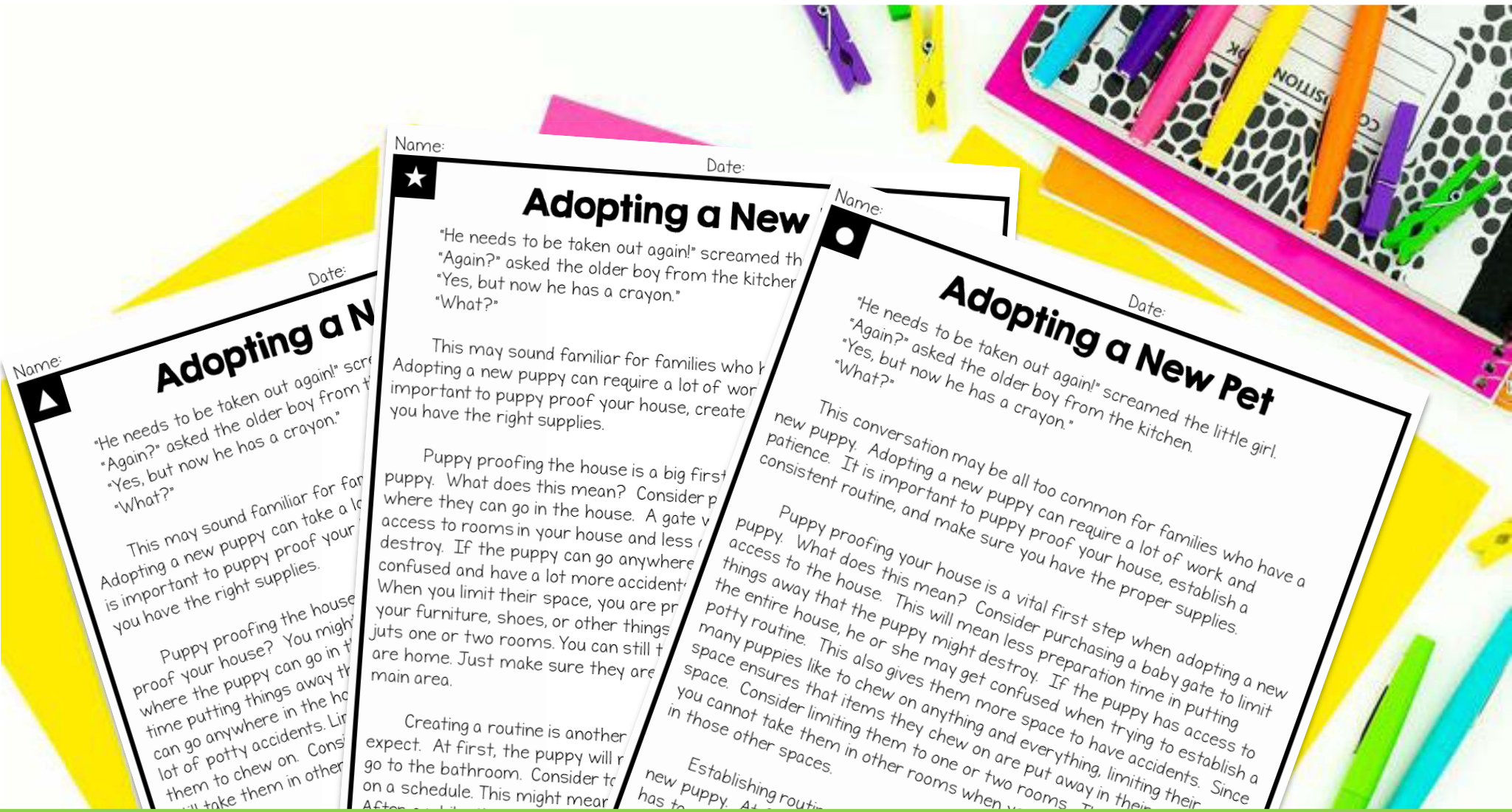


Differentiated Reading Passages

MAIN IDEA-NONFICTION

Same Story, 3 Different Reading Levels



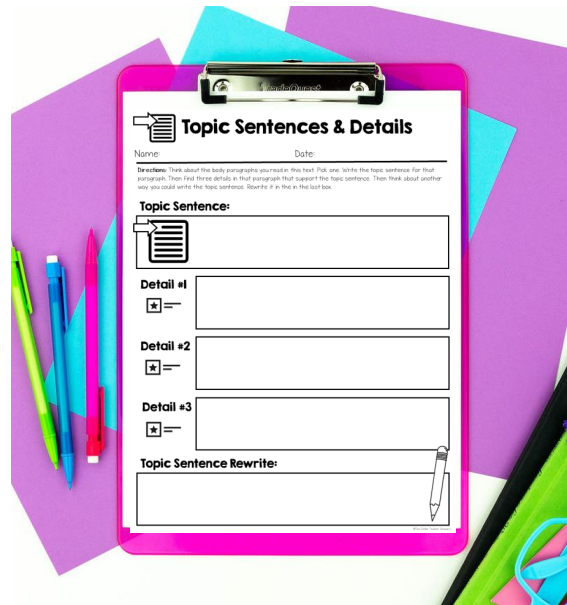
WHAT'S INCLUDED?

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



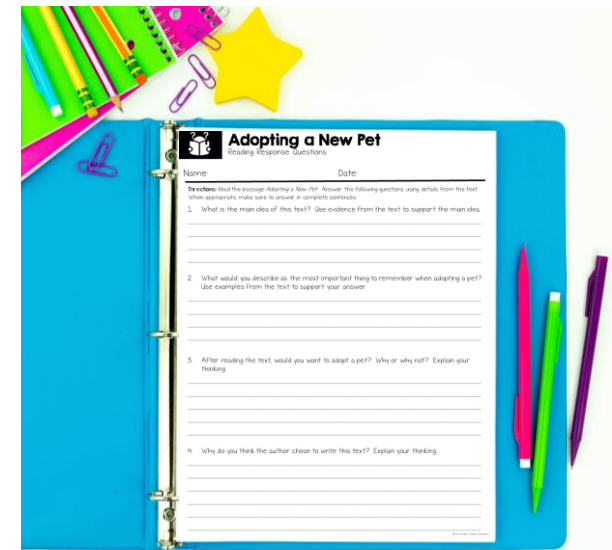
3 Sets of Differentiated Reading Passages

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.



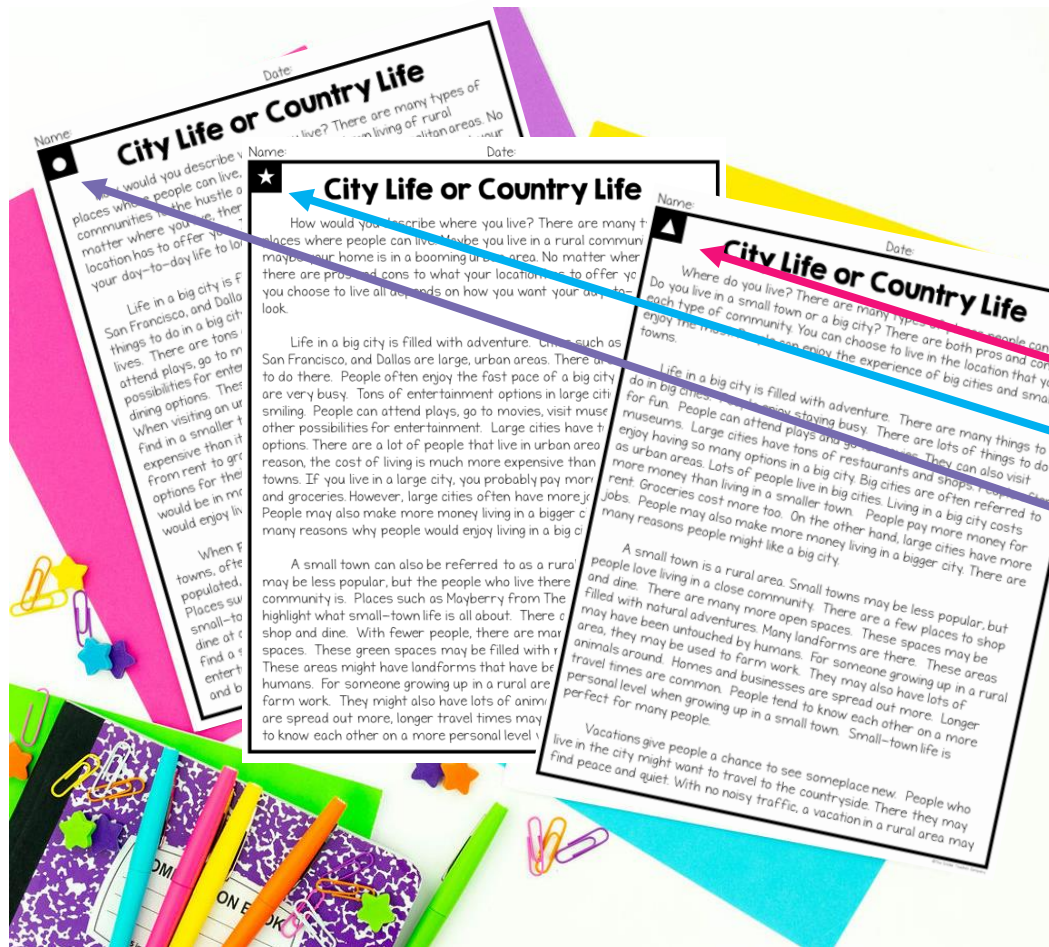
Reading Response Questions

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.



Each text is written at 3 different levels to make it easy to differentiate.

- ▲ Level A: 420L - 610L
- ★ Level B: 6:10L - 810L
- Level C: 810L - 1100L

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 #1

Passage A - Level 420L - 610L

Passage B - Level 610L - 810L

Passage C - Level 810L - 110L

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Name: _____ Date: _____

City Life or Country Life

Where do you live? There are many types of places people can live. Do you live in a small town or a big city? There are both pros and cons to each type of community. You can choose to live in the location that you enjoy the most. People can enjoy the experience of big cities and small towns.

Life in a big city is filled with adventure. There are many things to do in big cities. People enjoy staying busy. There are lots of things to do for fun. People can attend plays and go to movies. They can also visit museums. Large cities have tons of restaurants and shops. People often enjoy having so many options in a big city. Big cities are often referred to as urban areas. Lots of people live in big cities. Living in a big city costs more money than living in a smaller town. People pay more money for rent. Groceries cost more too. On the other hand, large cities have more jobs. People may also make more money living in a bigger city. There are many reasons people might like a big city.

A small town is a rural area. Small towns may be less popular, but people love living in a close community. There are a few places to shop and dine. There are many more open spaces. These spaces may be filled with natural adventures that have been untouched by humans. For someone growing up in a rural area, they may be used to farm work, having lots of animals around, and longer commute times than people living in urban areas. People tend to know each other on a more personal level when growing up in a small town. For some people, the slow pace of rural living is exactly how they want to live their life.

Name: _____ Date: _____

City Life or Country Life

How would you describe where you live? There are many types of places where people can live. Maybe you live in a rural community, or maybe your home is in a booming urban area. No matter where you live, there are pros and cons to what your location has to offer you. Where you choose to live all depends on how you want your day-to-day life to look.

Life in a big city is filled with adventure. Cities such as New York, San Francisco, and Dallas are large, urban areas. There are many things to do there. People often enjoy the fast pace of a big city. Their lives are very busy. Tons of entertainment options in large cities keep people smiling. People can attend plays, go to movies, visit museums, and enjoy other possibilities for entertainment. Large cities have tons of dining options. There are a lot of people that live in urban areas. For this reason, the cost of living is much more expensive than it is in smaller towns. If you live in a large city, you probably pay more money for rent and groceries. However, large cities often have more job opportunities. People may also make more money living in a bigger city. There are many reasons why people would enjoy living in a big city.

Name: _____ Date: _____

City Life or Country Life

How would you describe where you live? There are many types of places where people can live, from the small-town living of rural communities to the hustle and bustle of booming metropolitan areas. No matter where you live, there are going to be pros and cons to what your location has to offer you. It ultimately comes down to how you want your day-to-day life to look.

Life in a big city is filled with adventure. Cities such as New York, San Francisco, and Dallas are large, metropolitan cities. There are many things to do in a big city. People enjoy the hustle and bustle of hectic lives. There are tons of entertainment options in large cities. People can attend plays, go to movies, visit museums, and have endless other possibilities for entertainment. Not to mention, large cities have tons of dining options. These areas may also be referred to as urban areas. When visiting an urban area, there are lots more people than one would find in a smaller town. For this reason, the cost of living is much more expensive than it is in rural areas. People pay more for everything - from rent to groceries. Nonetheless, they also have more availability and options for their jobs, and their wages are typically higher than they would be in more rural areas. There are many reasons why people

City Life or Country Life
Reading Response Questions

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Read the passage *City Life or Country Life*. Answer the following questions using details from the text. When appropriate, make sure to answer in complete sentences.

1. What are some of the benefits of living in a large city? Use examples from the text.

2. What are some of the benefits of living in a small town? Use examples from the text.

3. Why do you think the author wrote this text?

4. Based on what you read, what type of location would you prefer to live in? Explain your thinking.

A small town can also be referred to as a rural area. Small towns are less popular, but the people who live there love how close the community is. Places such as Mayberry from *The Andy Griffith Show* that what small-town life is all about. There are a few places to shop and dine. With fewer people, there are many more parks and open spaces. These green spaces may be filled with natural adventures. Large cities might have landforms that have been untouched by humans. For someone growing up in a rural area, they may be used to farm work. They might also have lots of animals around. Since people tend to know each other on a more personal level when growing up in a small town, they may enjoy the slower pace of life. However, large cities often have more job opportunities. People may also make more money living in a bigger city. There are many reasons why people would enjoy living in a big city.

Multiple Main Ideas

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Read the passage. Think about the most important ideas the author is trying to communicate. Try to come up with 2-3 main ideas for this text. Use details from the text to support each main idea.

Main Idea #1	
Text Evidence	
Main Idea #2	
Text Evidence	
Main Idea #3	
Text Evidence	

People who live in small towns may be less familiar with the hustle and bustle of metropolitan areas. However, they often enjoy the slower pace of life and the close-knit community. There are many reasons why people would enjoy living in a big city. Large cities have tons of entertainment options, dining options, and job opportunities. People may also make more money living in a bigger city. There are many reasons why people would enjoy living in a big city.

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

A LOOK INSIDE... STORY #2

Passage A - Level 420L - 610L

Life on the island is unique! It all starts with the drive on to the island. After that, a walk on the beach will bring lots of fun. Time on Sanibel Island is filled with wonder. With lots of seashells, unique shopping, and a chance to find a truly rare shell, any time on the island is truly a tropical retreat.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Sanibel Island: A Tropical Retreat

Sanibel Island is a cool place. It is located in Lee County, Florida. It is the number one sea shelling spot in the United States, it has a *no chains* rule for dining. It has a great scavenger hunt too.

Sanibel Island's location is one thing that makes it special. Most islands run from north to south. Sanibel runs from east to west. The east to west layout makes the island like a special shovel. It scoops up the seashells that the Gulf of Mexico brings in from the Caribbean.

Eating on the island is fun too! Why? There is a no chains policy. All the island's restaurants are one of a kind. There are no chain restaurants. The Island Cow and other local diners are one-of-a-kind places. The same is true for the local ice cream shops. Cool down with a treat from Love Boat Ice Cream. Jerry's is a local grocery store. It is a fun area. There are tropical birds outside the grocery store. Time spent eat on the island is so exciting.

Who doesn't love a Sanibel Island have a cool challenge. Finding a shell has a dot pattern, on the creamy white shell. How big? The local shops on the island are shops on the island. How rare is the shell? Since they rarely wash up to shore, it is enough to find one.

Sanibel Island: A Tropical Retreat
Reading Response Questions

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Read the passage *Sanibel Island: A Tropical Retreat*. Answer the following questions using details from the text. When appropriate, make sure to answer in complete sentences.

1. What makes Sanibel Island special? Use details from the text.

2. Why does the author describe Sanibel Island as a shovel? Explain this analogy.

3. How does the author feel about Sanibel Island? What details from the text support this?

4. Would you want to visit Sanibel Island? Why or why not? Be sure to explain your thinking.

Passage B - Level 610L - 810L

Life on the island is unique! It all starts with the drive across the causeway. After that, a walk on the beach will bring lots of fun. Time on Sanibel Island is filled with wonder. With lots of seashells, unique shopping, and a chance to find a truly rare shell, any time on the island is truly a tropical retreat.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Sanibel Island: A Tropical Retreat

Sanibel Island is a truly unique place. It is located in Lee County, Florida. What makes Sanibel Island so unique? It is the number one sea shelling spot in the United States, it has a *no chains rule*, and provides the ultimate scavenger hunt for guests.

Sanibel Island's geography is one thing that makes it so unique. The island runs perpendicular to the state of Florida. Most islands run from north to south, but not Sanibel. Sanibel runs from east to west. This east to west layout makes the island like a special shovel. It scoops up the seashells that the Gulf of Mexico imports from the Caribbean. This is what makes visitors enjoy the beautiful twelve miles of beaches! It is truly a seashell hunter's paradise.

Dining on the island will keep visitors curious! Why? There is a no chains policy. All the island's restaurants are not restaurant chains. The Island Cow, Chee-burger Chee-burger, and other local diners are one-of-a-kind places. The same is true for the local ice cream shops. Cool down from a hot afternoon at the beach with a treat from Love Boat Ice Cream. Shopping for groceries is also a cool experience. Jerry's is a local grocery store. It has a unique atmosphere with a small-town feel. There are tropical birds outside the grocery store. Time spent shopping on the island will be as exciting as the island itself.

Who doesn't love a good scavenger hunt? People visiting Sanibel have a cool challenge awaiting them. The rare Junonia shell has a dot pattern. There are twelve rows of brown dots found on the creamy white shell. It is big news if someone finds the rare shell. How big? The local newspaper will take your picture and publish it. There are also shops on the island willing to pay fifty dollars for the shell. How rare is the shell? Since the Junonia snails live on the ocean floor, they rarely wash up to shore. A few people each year are lucky enough to find this beautiful treasure.

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Passage C - Level 810L - 110L

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Sanibel Island: A Tropical Retreat

Located in Lee County, Florida, there is a special place known as Sanibel Island. What makes Sanibel Island so unique? It is the number one sea shelling spot in the United States, it has a *no chains rule*, and provides the ultimate scavenger hunt for guests.

The reason Sanibel Island is such a great place to hunt for seashells is because of its geography. The island runs perpendicular to the state of Florida. Most islands run from north to south, but not Sanibel. Sanibel runs from east to west. This east to west geography makes the island like a special shovel. It scoops up the seashells that the Gulf of Mexico imports from the Caribbean and other southern seas. This is what makes visitors and those who call the island home enjoy the beautiful twelve miles of beaches! It is undoubtedly a seashell hunter's paradise.

In addition to the many seashells, dining and eating out on the island will keep visitors curious! Why? There is a no chains policy. All the island's restaurants are not restaurant chains. The Island Cow, Chee-burger Chee-burger, and other local diners are fun places to experience the island's atmosphere. The same is true for the local ice cream shops that are as unique as their names. Cool down from a hot afternoon at the beach with a treat from Love Boat Ice Cream. Shopping for groceries is also a cool experience. Jerry's is a local grocery store. It has a unique atmosphere with a small-town feel. There are tropical birds outside the grocery store. Time spent shopping on the island will be as exciting as the island itself.

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Topic, Main Idea, Details

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Think about the entire text. Identify the topic (single word or phrase), the main idea, and three supporting details for the entire text. Use the space below to organize your thinking.

What is the topic?

What is the main idea?

Supporting Detail #1

Supporting Detail #2

Supporting Detail #3

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