SUMMARIZING NONFICTION **READ & RESPOND TASK CARDS**









WHAT'S INCLUDED?

This resource includes 20 reading task cards that contain short reading passages that will help your students practice summarizing nonfiction.

Task cards can be printed in three different ways.



Option #1 - Just the text



Option #2 - Text and Graphic Organizer Template



Option #3 - Text and Response Questions

Digital versions are included for all three sets of task cards.

Option #1 - Just the Text

One of the printing options for the task cards is to print JUST the text. Each task card has a short reading passages (takes up half a page). The passages lend themselves to summarizing nonfiction, but you really could use them to teach any nonfiction skill.



- This set of task cards is ideal if you want to use them in the "traditional" task card way.
- I suggest printing them on cardstock and either putting them all on a book ring or in a photo box.
- There are 3 options of reading response sheets included so students can read the passages and respond on a separate page.



Option #2 - Passage & Graphic Organizer

One of the printing options includes the passage and a graphic organizer template. These task cards can be printed front and back and work great in a center, as part of your small group instruction, or even for guided practice.

- On the front of each task card is a short reading passage (the same numbers and titles as option #1).
- On the back, there is a graphic organizer template that will help students organize text details that will help them summarize the text.
- Students can use ANY strategy to summarize the text, but the graphic organizer templates will give them a variety of strategies to try.



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- On the back, there is space for a sticky note so students can jot down their thinking about the text. There are also two text—based comprehension questions.

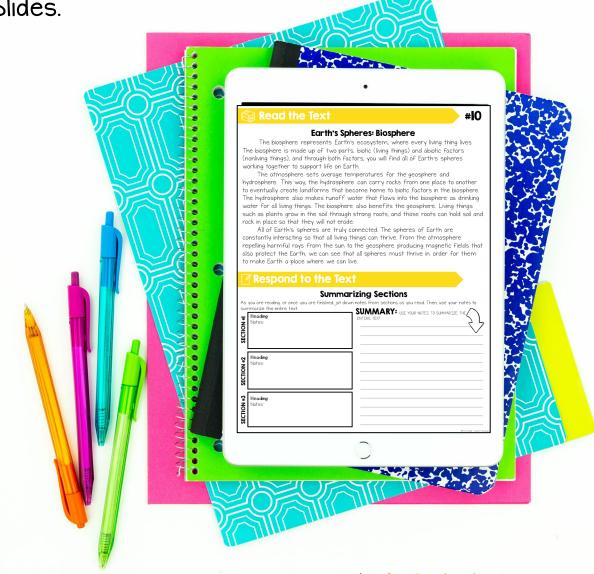
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I love to provide both print and digital options in my resources. This resource includes a digital version created using Google Slides.

There are three different digital versions included (to match the three different printing options).

- Option 1: The text with a generic space for student response.
- Option 2: The text with the graphic organizer at the bottom (this one is pictured to the right)
- Option 3: The text with the text—based comprehension questions on the bottom.





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A LOOK INSIDE...(option I)

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Marvelous Mammal

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Earth's Spheres: Geosphere

Analyzing satellite photographs of Earth from space, many can see all the characteristics that support life on Earth. One of the biggest reasons life is sustained on Earth is because it is surrounded by spheres: geosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere & the biosphere. Each one has unique characteristics that allow Earth to be our home

The geosphere is all rock and minerals on Earth. Just like layers of a cake, the Earth has layers of rock below its surface. The lithosphere is a well-known layer found under the surface of the Earth. It contains a rugged rocky crust including the outer layer of the mantle made of rocks and minerals

Beneath the lithosphere, the montle, outer core, and inner core can be found. These layers are nely hot, making it difficult for scientists to observe and study the layers beneath Earth's surface. Still, scientists have conducted investigations that gave clues about what can be found in each

On the surface of the Earth, rocks are found of different sizes, shapes, and colors. There are three categories of rocks found on the Earth's surface. Igneous rocks are the rocks that are found both below and above the Earth's surface. Most of these rocks are the effect of magma cooling and changing states from liquid to solid rock. Sedimentary rocks are the rocks that are formed through weathering and erosion. Finally, metamorphic rocks are the last type of rock found on Earth's surface. These rocks experience changes to their composition, texture, or shape when put under intens

The geosphere has a variety of layers and cycles. Whether climbing mountains or walking across a grassy soccer field, all of Earth's surfaces are a product of the geosphere

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Earth's Spheres: Hydrosphere

Dip into the hydrosphere, and you will find it's made of all the water on Earth. The hydrosphere includes all water found in oceans, lakes, rivers, streams, glaciers, and even moisture made of water in the air. The water in the hydrosphere can be divided into two parts: salt and fresh water.

97% of Earth's water is found in the ocean. The water found here is saltwater. A type of water that is vital to the survival of ocean life is found both at the light-filled surface of the ocean and downwards into the deep, dark trenches of the ocean floor. While ocean water supports all marine life, it does not do the same for living organisms on land.

Out of all the water on Earth, only 3% is fresh water, essential for most living things and plants. It can also be tricky to gather Earth's freshwater as most of it is trapped in Earth's polar regions and is buried in ice and mountain glaciers. While it is hard to use for drinking the ice found in the polar areas reflects Earth's rays to maintain livable climates.

Other sources of freshwater are surface water and groundwater. Their names give away where they are found on Earth, with groundwater being fresh water found beneath the Earth in areas called aquifers. Surface water is the freshwater carried across Earth's surface via creeks, streams rivers and lakes

Our Freshwater supply on Forth is small and precious Through pollution water is further contaminated and harder to treat, so it is safe to drink. We need to be careful with how we treat

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Is Sleep Important for Kids?

Each night, kids worldwide beg their parents for "5 more minutes!" and often still have to go to bed. Are parents just being mean, or is there scientific proof that kids need more sleep than adults? Yes, scientists have completed multiple studies and investigations to find that kids need more sleep than adults. They found that not getting enough sleep can cause negative impacts on the overall health of a child as they grow.

Scientists found on average that adults need to sleep around 7 to 9 hours while kids need 9 to 11 hours of sleep nightly. A big reason kids need more sleep—they are still growing Kids' physical hodies grow when they sleep, but their brains grow as well. and with a few extra hours of sleep each night, kids can grow healthily. Not getting enough sleep can lead to very negative consequences. Kids may become so tired that they can't focus during school or make them feel too tired to participate in physical activities. Kids who don't get enough sleep can also become irritable or cranky in their

Kids need to get plenty of rest. Planning out a daily bedtime routine and sticking with it is one of the best ways to ensure kids get plenty of sleep. Getting plenty of sleep helps kids grow both physically and mentally!

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Discovering Gold

Today gold is valuable and often very pricey. Gold was also crucial to the growth of California. The discovery of gold in 1848 caused an explosion of people to rush to the area, searching for wealth and prosperity. While many settlers were unlucky in their search for gold, they decided to stay and make California their home. Settling on new land meant creating

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Earth's Spheres: Atmosphere

All air that surrounds the Earth is a part of Earth's Atmosphere. The Earth's air is made of different gases, including Oxygen, the most important gas to all humans on Earth. Just like the geosphere, the atmosphere is divided into layers.

The troposphere is closest to the Earth's surface, where the air is most dense or closely compacted. In this sphere, you will also find most of the air humans on Earth breathe, and 99% of Earth's water vapor is found through clouds and precipitation. Just above the troposphere, the stratosphere is located around 8-30 miles from the surface of the Earth. It is here where the ozone layer is found. The layer of the atmosphere is responsible for protecting the Earth from UV rays and

Beyond the stratosphere is the frigid mesosphere. In parts of this sphere, temperatures can reach a -148°F. This layer is quite a mystery to scientists as both jet planes and weather balloons cannot get this layer to study its traits and features The outermost layer of the atmosphere is called the thermosphere. Home to the international space station, the thermosphere is also where auroras occur. Auroras are a beautiful display of light in the sky that can be seen in the Earth's north and

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The biosphere is made up of two parts, biotic (living things) and abiotic factors

The atmosphere sets average temperatures for the geosphere and hydrosphere. This way, the hydrosphere can carry rocks from one place to another to eventually create landforms that become home to biotic factors in the biosphere The hydrosphere also makes runoff water that flows into the biosphere as drinking water for all living things. The biosphere also benefits the geosphere. Living things such as plants grow in the soil through strong roots, and those roots can hold soil and rock in place so that they will not erode.

All of Earth's spheres are truly connected. The spheres of Earth are constantly interacting so that all living things can thrive. From the atmosphere repelling harmful rays from the sun to the geosphere producing magnetic fields that also protect the Earth, we can see that all spheres must thrive in order for them to make Earth a place where we can live.

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Searching for Pandas

Worldwide, giant pandas are a favorite of many, but there is a slight chance you will get to see them in person. Pandas adapt to live in a particular habitat only found in China. It would take climbing high into the mountains of China to see a panda in person. They thrive in high mountainous regions surrounded by cool, wet bamboo forests. Here a giant panda will feast on around 30 pounds of bamboo for 12 hours out of the day. Pandas do not have many natural predators here but have a powerful sense of smell to alert them to danger. Because they can smell and hide away so well, it is tough for scientists to observe them in nature Scientists have to make a broad estimate (1,000 - 3,000) of how many giant pandas are alive in the wild. Through advanced technology, scientists have at least been able to conduct DNA studies to make this estimate.

What is the giant panda's biggest predator? Sadly, it is humans. Due to population growth in Asia, deforestation has caused much of the giant panda's habitat to be destroyed, driving them out of habitats they rely on to survive. To revive habitats for giant pandas, the Chinese government presently has over 50 panda reserves to help regrow panda populations.

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Mahatma Gandhi

Have you ever thought about how you solve conflicts with others? You often think about getting back at others verbally or physically if you feel a situation is unfair. One person we can laak to as an example is Mahatma Gandhi.



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Community Saves a Team

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A Journey to Learn!

You probably go to school by car, bus, or walking a short distance. You may think that is how every student in the world gets to school but think again. Around the world, schools can be far away for students, but their families desire to educate them. They have developed modes of transportation to overcome long distances and challenging geography to get kids to school.

Just south of North America is the country of Columbia. Here there are dense forests and tall mountains that would take over two hours for students to navigate school. Parents created an 800-foot zip line to take students to school each day to get students to school more quickly. Over in the mountainous regions of China, there are no roads. With schools being located high up on a mountain, students have to climb steel ladders installed by the Chinese government.

In the Philippines, boats are used as busses to transport students across rivers to school safely. In some cases, the boats are also used as an actual school. Knowing the value of an education, these students and their parents show determination and courage each day to get to school.

Earth's Spheres: Biosphere

The biosphere represents Earth's ecosystem, where every living thing lives (nonliving things), and through both factors, you will find all of Earth's spheres working together to support life on Earth.





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QUESTIONS

■ Who is the text mostly about?

■ When did these events take place?

□ Where do these events take place?

☐ Why did the author write this text?

■ How did the author organize the text?

Use the questions to

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■ What events happened?

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Not Just a Sunburn

Put on sunscreen! Many have experienced the effects of not putting on sunscreen, a sunburn. Sunburns are what occurs when you don't apply enough or any sunscreen. The sun's rays will turn skin red or even cause the skin to have painful blisters. Not everyone gets a sunburn, and others' skin will tan and turn a bronze—like color from the rays of the sun. Whether skin tans or burns from the sun rays, not using sunscreen to protect against the sun's rays can cause some dangerous long-term effects.

When people do not apply sunscreen and sit unprotected, exposed to the sun's rays, it can cause wrinkles, age spots, and even bruising. All of these effects cause the skin to age or appear older much quicker than usual. An even more dangerous impact of being exposed to the sun's rays without sunscreen is skin cancer. Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the US, and the number of cases increases each year. The three types of skin cancer caused by the sun's rays are basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, and melanoma. Fortunately, most of these types of skin cancer are curable if identified and treated early. Scientists have identified the sun's rays as the leading cause of skin cancer. Negative effects of exposure to the sun's rays can be avoided by applying sunscreen every two hours when a person knows they are being exposed to the sun's rays.

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Dr. Mae Jemison

Some kindergarteners dream of being a pop star or a superhero when they grow up, but not Dr. Mae Jemison. At a very young age, Dr. Jemison told her teachers that she would grow up to become a scientist one day. At the age of 16, Dr. Jemison enrolled at

BEGINNING

State the main idea (topic of text)

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Include details you learned in the

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Use some of the same key words

END

Share a concluding statement

that includes the main idea and

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Nonfiction Summary

SUMMARY CHECKLIST

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Take notes as you read!

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Nonfiction Text Structure

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