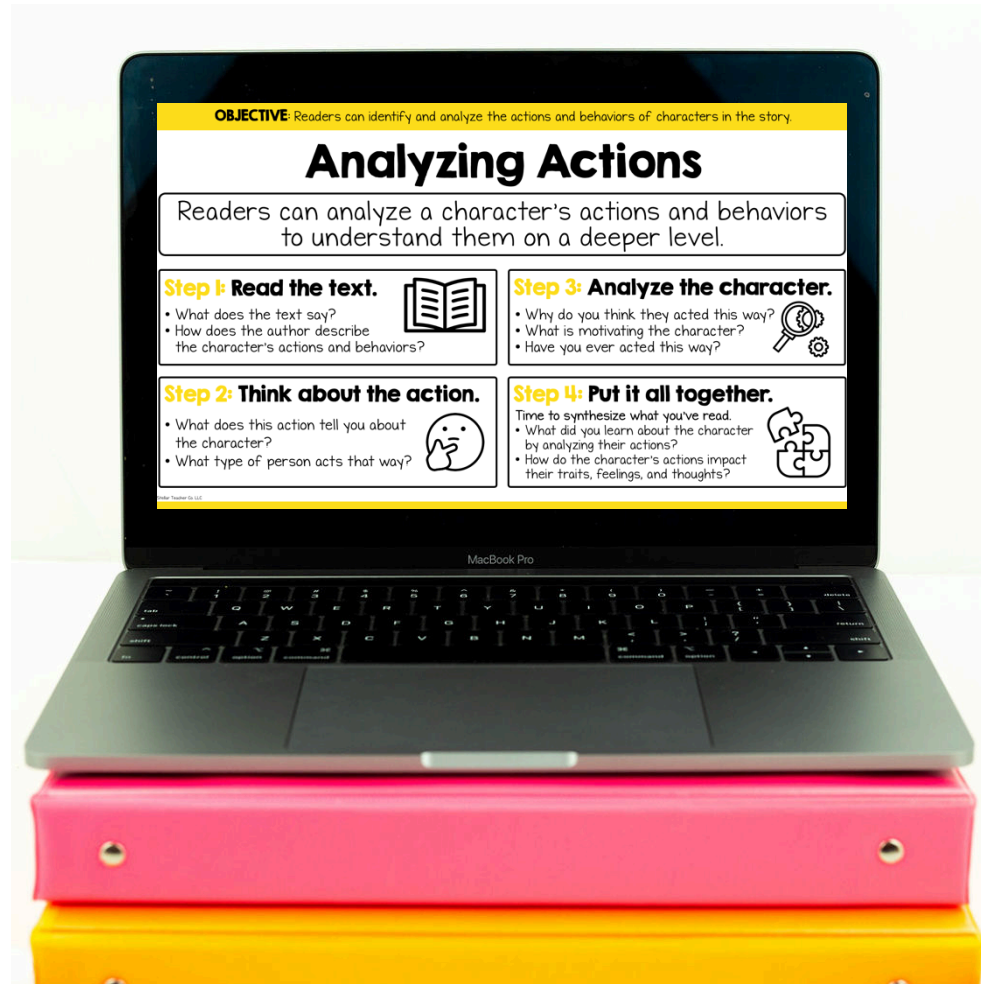
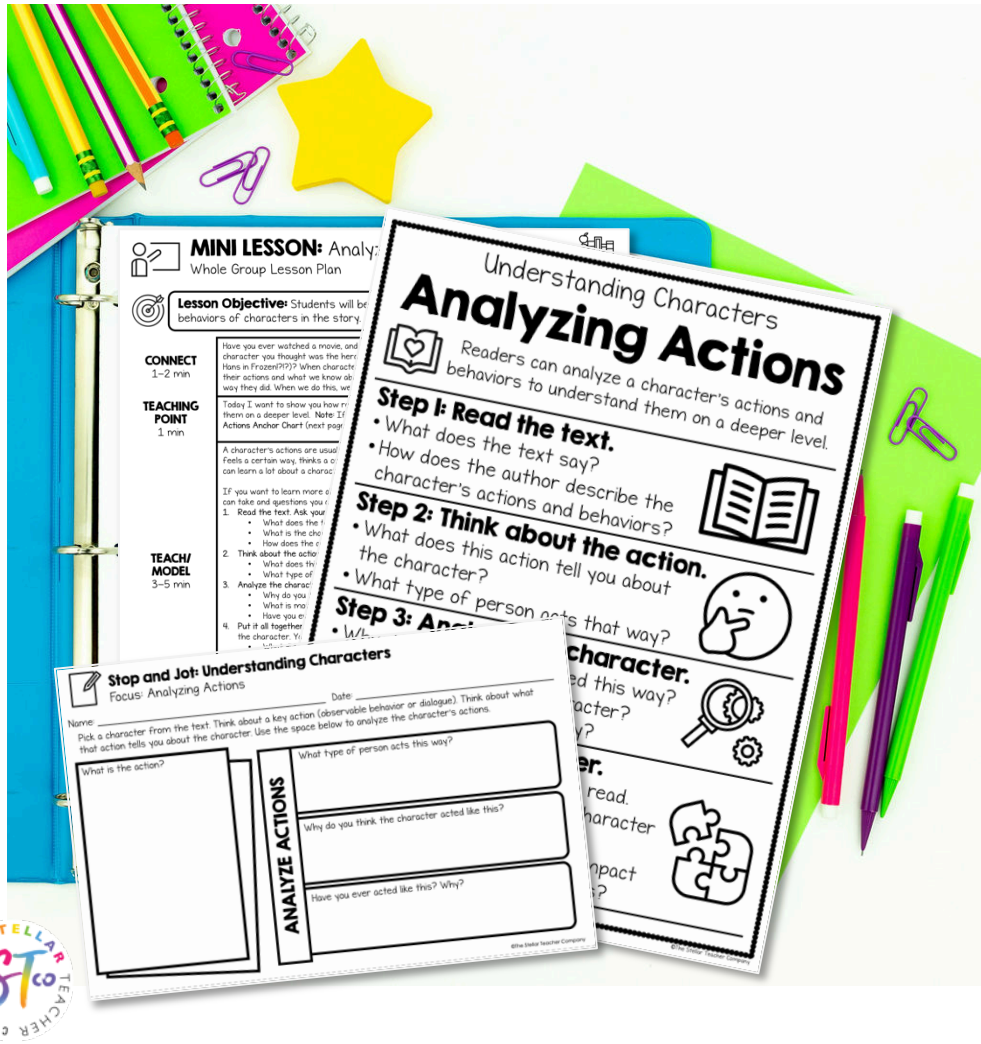


DESCRIBING CHARACTERS

12 Low Prep Reading Lesson Sets



Lesson Plans • Anchor Charts • Google Slides • Graphic Organizers

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REASONS TO LOVE

THESE CHARACTER LESSON SETS

TIME-SAVING

I know a teacher's to-do list is massive, but with this resource, you can cross lesson planning off your list. This resource gives you everything you need for your whole group lessons on describing and analyzing characters: scripted lesson plans, whole group teaching slides, anchor charts, and graphic organizers.

CLEAR AND CONCISE


These lessons make it super easy for you to clearly communicate, teach, and model each objective to your students. The lesson plans will help you deliver a clear and effective lesson, and the visuals included will help your students understand exactly what you are teaching.


LOW PREP FOR TEACHERS

This resource seriously is just print and teach. You won't have to prep any materials for your lessons. Think how much time you will save not having to type out lesson plans or prep anchor charts or slides for your lessons. They are all done for you with this resource.

Understanding Characters

Inside/Outside

 Readers can look for clues to help them understand a character internally and externally.

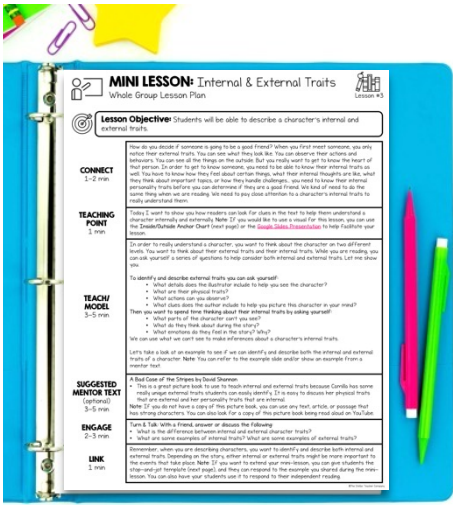
Outside	Inside
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•What can you see?•What are their physical traits?•What actions can you observe?•How would you describe their physical traits? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•What parts of the character can't you see?•What do they think?•What do they feel?•What emotions do they experience? <p><i>We can use what we can't see to infer about a character's personality.</i></p>

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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

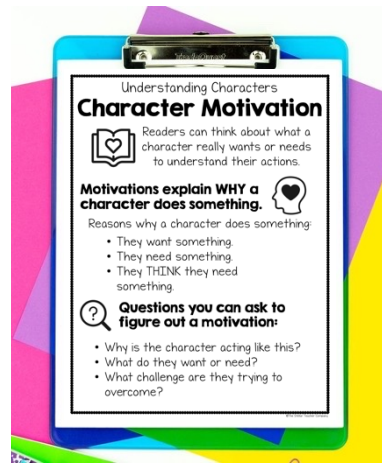
For each lesson you get a scripted lesson plan, anchor chart, teaching slide set, and half-page graphic organizer.

12 SCRIPTED LESSON PLANS



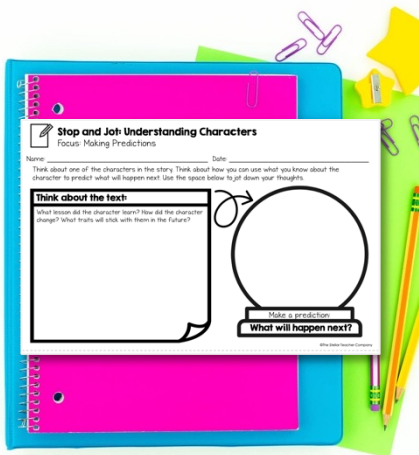
These lesson plans are scripted and ready to go. You can attach them to your weekly lesson plan, use them to prep your lesson, or even read from them while teaching.

12 PRINTABLE ANCHOR CHARTS



Each lesson comes with a full-page printable anchor chart. Post it in your classroom after your lesson, or shrink it down to 85% and have students glue it in their notebooks.

12 MINI GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS



Each lesson includes a half-page graphic organizer. Students can use this during your lesson or you can assign it to them as independent practice after your lesson.

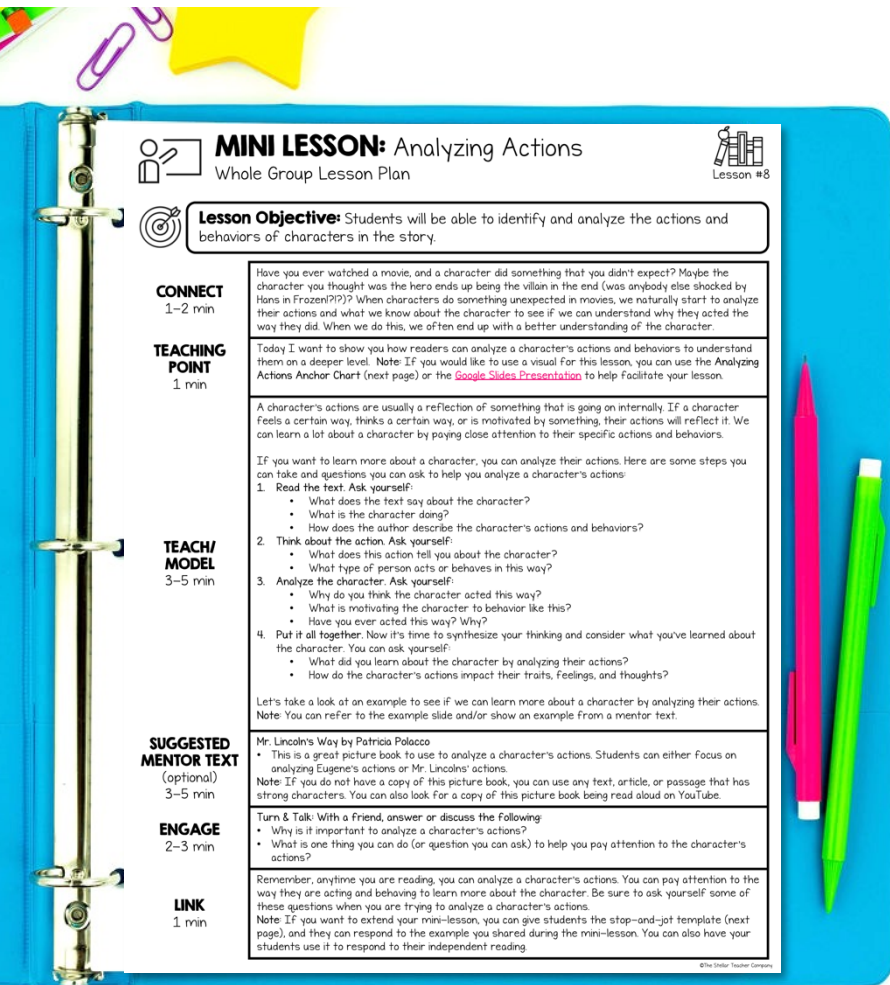
TEACHING SLIDES FOR EACH LESSON



Each lesson includes a set of teaching slides to help you teach, practice, and discuss the objective. These slides help you deliver an effective and engaging lesson.

WHAT LESSONS ARE INCLUDED?

This resource includes 12 lessons that are all connected to describing and analyzing characters. You can teach all 12 or select the lessons that are most relevant to what your students need. These lessons are also great if you need to quickly spiral or review a concept.



- Lesson #1: Character Feelings
- Lesson #2: Feelings Change
- Lesson #3: Internal & External Traits
- Lesson #4: Positive & Negative Traits
- Lesson #5: Inferring Character Traits
- Lesson #6: Describing Characters Using Text Evidence
- Lesson #7: Character Motivations
- Lesson #8: Analyzing Character Actions
- Lesson #9: Predicting Character Actions
- Lesson #10: Characters Learn Lessons
- Lesson #11: Comparing Characters
- Lesson #12: Character Perspective

Just print the set you want to teach, and you're set for a stellar whole group lesson.

LOW PREP and EASY-TO-USE



MINI LESSON: Inferring Character Traits

Whole Group Lesson Plan



Lesson #5



Lesson Objective: Students will be able to use text clues to infer a character's traits.

CONNECT
1-2 min

We know that characters have personality traits. We know that we can ask questions and look for clues in the text to help us identify a character's personality traits. But have you ever stopped to wonder what clues in the text might actually describe a character's traits? Does that mean the clues in the text don't actually describe a character's traits? No. That just means you need to look for clues that can help you make an inference about a character's traits.

TEACHING POINT
1 min

Today I want to show you how to use clues in the text to help you infer a character's traits. I would like to use a visual form (like a Google Slides Page) or the [Google Slides Page](#).

If you want to identify a character's traits, you need to look for clues in the text. But some clues are not obvious. When you are reading, you can look for clues that describe a character's traits.

TEACH/ MODEL
3-5 min

You can pay attention to the following clues to help you identify a character's traits:

- Feelings: How does the character feel about the problem or challenge?
- Actions: How does the character act?
- Speech: What does the character say?
- Thoughts: What are the character's thoughts about themselves? What are the character's thoughts about others?

Once you identify a character's traits, you can use your own personal experiences to help you understand the character. You can combine the clues you find in the text with your own experiences to help you understand the character.

Let's take a look at the clues in the text to help us understand the character's traits. We will use the clues to help us understand the character's traits.

Note: You can refer to the text to help you understand the character's traits.

SUGGESTED MENTOR TEXT
(optional)
3-5 min

Each Kindness by Fred Rogers

- This is a great story that directly states the character's traits. Chloe if they are kind to others.

Note: If you do not have a strong character, you can use the story to help you understand the character's traits.



Understanding Characters Inferring Traits

A character's feelings, actions, speech, and thoughts, can help a reader infer that character's traits.

Feelings

Pay attention to the character's feelings.

- ❖ How do they respond to the problem?
- ❖ How do their feelings change in the story?

Actions

Pay attention to the character's actions.

- ❖ How does the character behave?
- ❖ What motivates the character to behave this way?

Speech

Pay attention to the character's speech.

Thoughts

Pay attention to the character's thoughts.



TAKE A CLOSER LOOK...

SCRIPTED TEACHER LESSON PLAN



Each lesson set includes a scripted teacher lesson plan. It provides you with the exact language you can use to teach that objective. These lesson plans will help keep your lessons short and concise.

Each lesson plan includes the following sections:

- Connect & Introduce Objective
- Teach & Model
- Suggested Mentor Text Title
- Engage Questions
- Closure



MINI LESSON: Predicting Character Actions

Whole Group Lesson Plan

Lesson #9

Lesson Objective: Students will be able to use what they know about a character to predict what the character will do next.

CONNECT 1-2 min	Have you ever played the board game Clue? If you haven't, it is a board game where players take turns and collect clues to solve a murder mystery. The player that is the first to identify who the murderer is, what room they did it, and what tool they used is the winner. In order to be successful in this game, you must constantly make predictions from the clues you receive each turn. Being a strong predictor is the key to winning the game of Clue. And being a strong predictor is also the key to understanding the stories we read.
TEACHING POINT 1 min	Today I want to show you how readers can use what they know to make predictions on what the character will do next. Note: If you would like to use a visual for this lesson, you can use the Making Predictions Anchor Chart (next page) or the Google Slides Presentation to help facilitate your lesson.
TEACH/ MODEL 3-5 min	When you are making predictions about characters in a story, you are using what you know about the character to predict what will happen next. If you want to make a strong prediction, you should consider the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What you know about the character's feelings. What you know about the character's personality. What you know about the character's motivation. What you know about the character's actions. You should also consider what you know about the problem or challenge the character is facing. You can use all of your knowledge about the character to predict how they will respond to events in the story. Making predictions is one way we can monitor our thinking about a character and make sure we are paying close attention to what is happening in the story. Making predictions can help us anticipate what will happen next. When you are making predictions it can be helpful to consider the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will the character respond to the problem? What lesson did the character learn? How did the character change in the story? What traits will stick with them in the future? Sometimes, when you make a prediction about a character's action, you can confirm your prediction by continuing to read the book. But sometimes, you might have to read the next book in the series in order to figure out what will happen next. And in some cases, you'll never know what will happen next. But making your prediction, will help you understand the character and anticipate what might happen next. Let's take a look at an example and see if we can predict what the character will do next. Note: You can refer to the example slide and/or show an example from a mentor text.
SUGGESTED MENTOR TEXT (optional) 3-5 min	Each Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a great picture book to use to teach a lesson about predicting character actions. The story is left with an open loop, and readers don't really know what will happen next to Chloe. Students can use what they know about Chloe and the lesson she learned to predict what she will do next time she is in a similar situation. Note: If you do not have a copy of this picture book, you can use any text, article, or passage that has strong characters. You can also look for a copy of this picture book being read aloud on YouTube.
ENGAGE 2-3 min	Turn & Talk: With a friend, answer or discuss the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why do you want to predict what a character will do next in the story? When could you make a prediction about a character's actions?
LINK 1 min	Remember, when you're reading independently, you can use what you know about a character to predict what will happen next. Note: If you want to extend your mini-lesson, you can give students the stop-and-jot template (next page), and they can respond to the example you shared during the mini-lesson. You can also have your students use it to respond to their independent reading.





TAKE A CLOSER LOOK...

PRINTABLE ANCHOR CHART



Each lesson includes a printable anchor chart. You can either print this chart and display it under a document camera to help teach your lesson or you can always give students a copy of the anchor chart after the lesson to glue in their folder or notebook.

These anchor charts include all the key information students need to remember from your lesson.



Understanding Characters

Character Perspective



Readers can notice how two different characters approach an event in the story.

What is perspective?

The background knowledge, personal experience, feelings, and thoughts a character brings to an event or problem.

Yay!

It's summer vacation. I'm so excited to be home all day.

Sigh! I hope my boss lets me work from home. I need to find a way to be home with the kids during the summer.

When reading, ask yourself:

- How is their perspective different than others?
- What are their thoughts or feelings about this event?
- What is causing this perspective?

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TAKE A CLOSER LOOK...

MINI GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

Each lesson includes a half-page graphic organizer related to the objective. These graphic organizer work with any text.

You can use them during the lesson to help model the concept to your students.

Or, you can give them to students after the lesson and have them practice applying the objective to their independent reading.

You can also use them during your small group lessons.



Stop and Jot: Understanding Characters

Focus: Character Perspective

Name: _____ Date: _____

Jot down what the problem in the story is. Then explain how the two characters see it different from each other.

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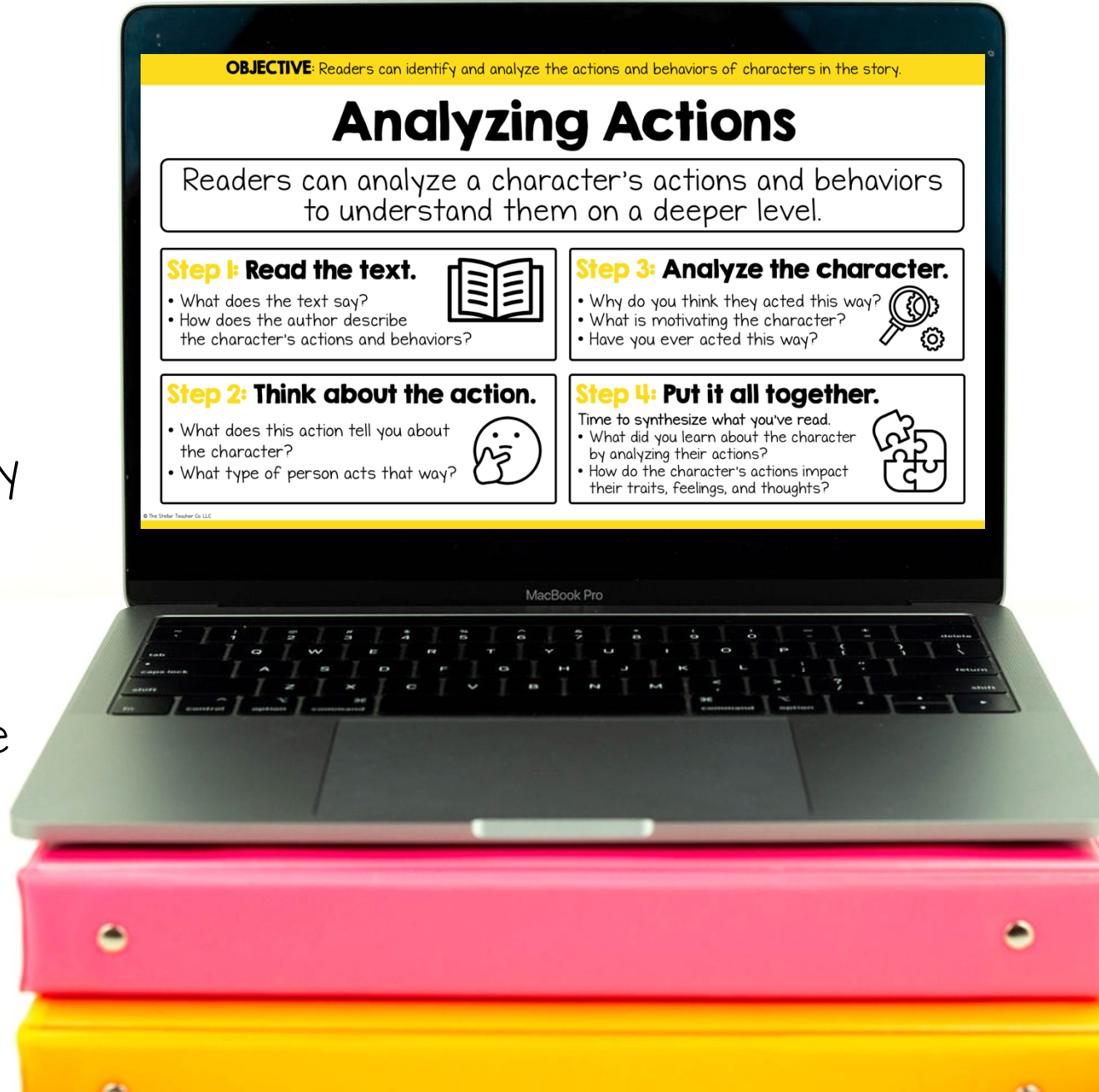


TAKE A CLOSER LOOK...

GOOGLE SLIDE SET: TEACHING SLIDE

Each lesson includes a teaching slide. This slide includes a lot of the same information on the anchor chart.

It is a great slide to display during the teach/model portion of your lesson. It will help you clearly communicate the objective to your students.



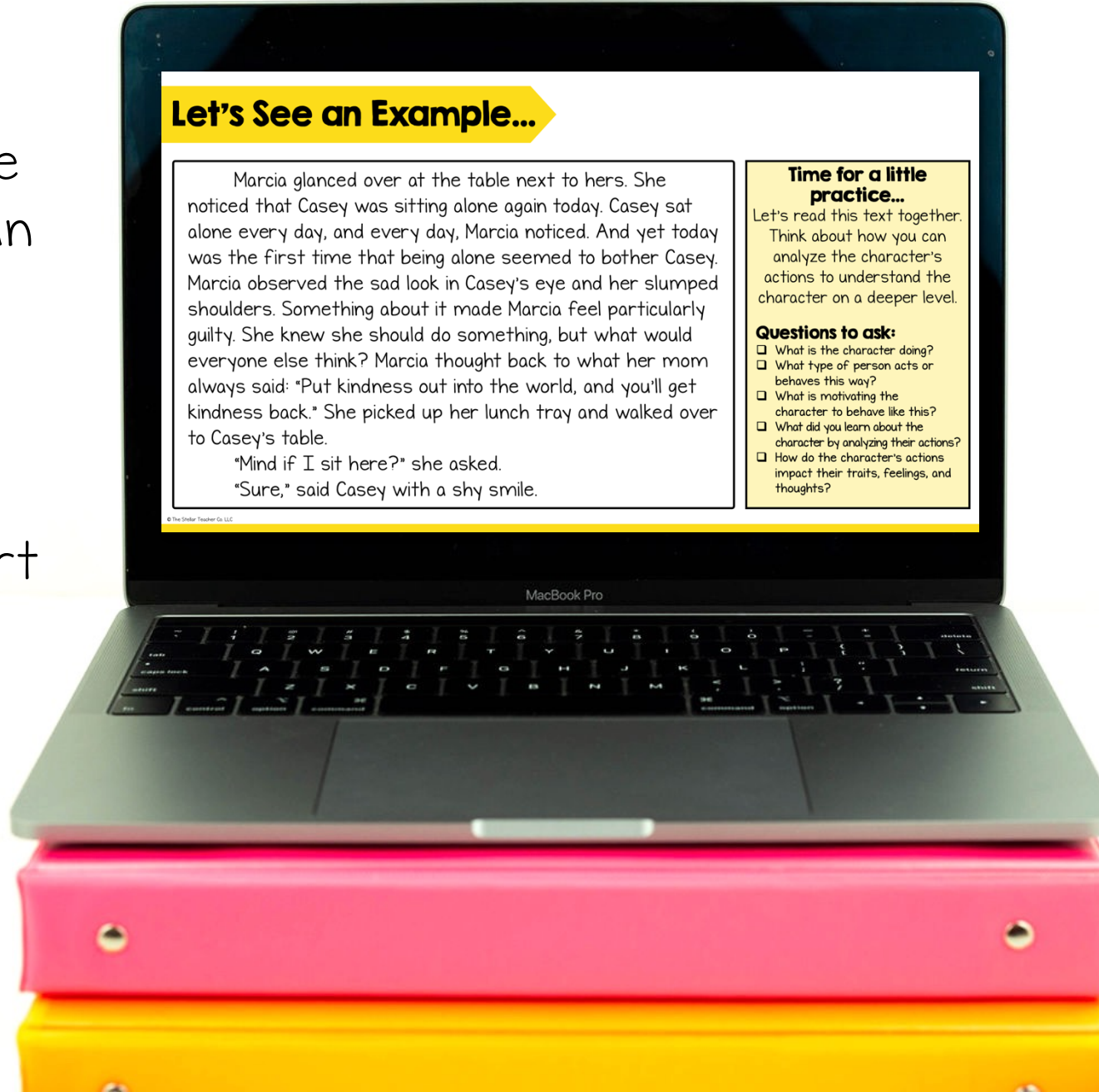


TAKE A CLOSER LOOK...

GOOGLE SLIDE SET: EXAMPLE SLIDE

Each lesson includes an example slide. The example slide is a great slide you can use to either model or practice with your students.

It will either include a short paragraph or a chart or some other example related to the objective of the lesson.



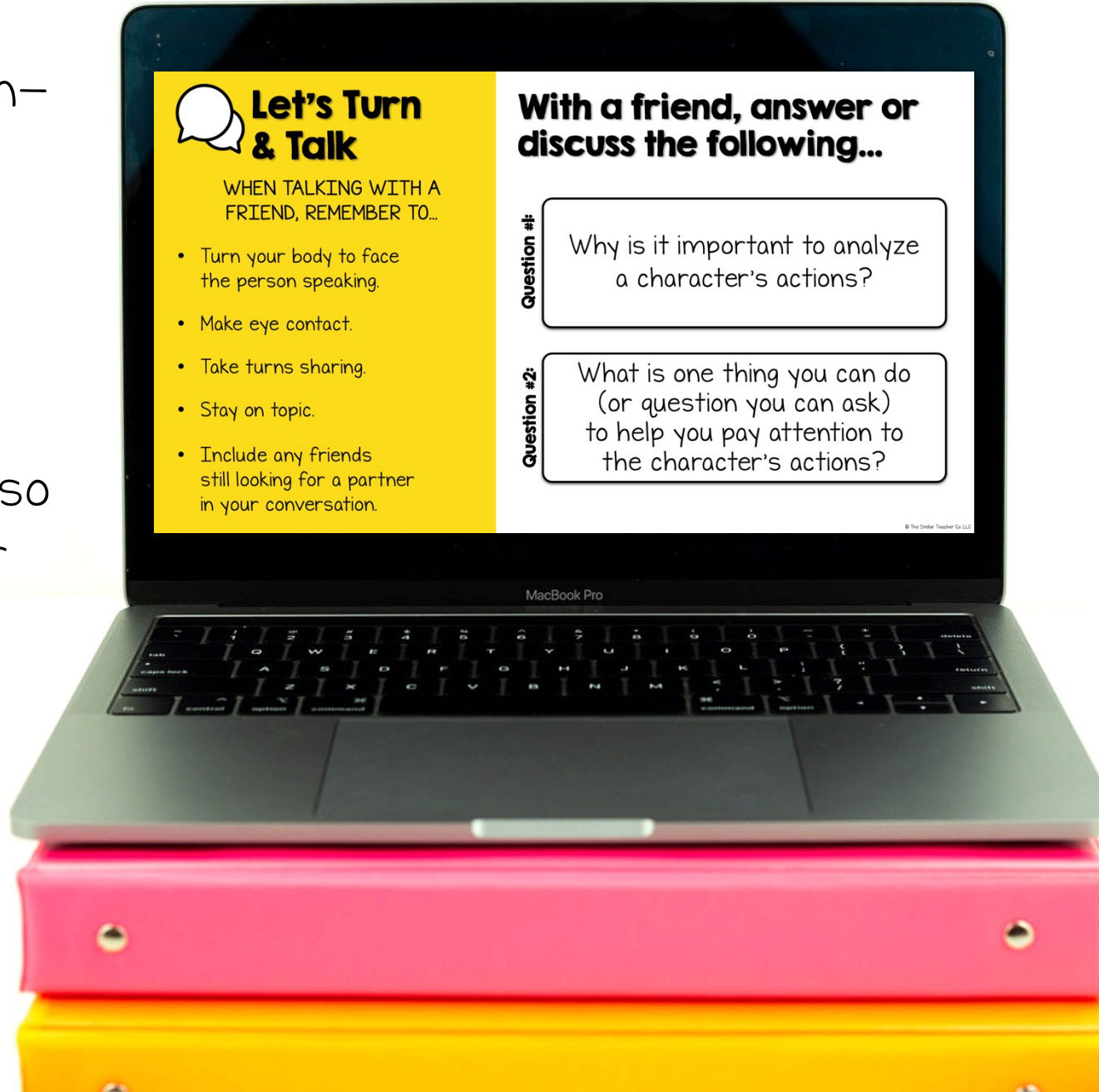


TAKE A CLOSER LOOK...

GOOGLE SLIDE SET: TURN & TALK SLIDE

Each lesson includes a turn-and-talk slide with two questions you can use for whole group discussion at the end of your lesson.

The turn-and-talk slide also includes key reminders for how students should be engaging in discussion with their peers.



Let's Turn & Talk

WHEN TALKING WITH A FRIEND, REMEMBER TO...

- Turn your body to face the person speaking.
- Make eye contact.
- Take turns sharing.
- Stay on topic.
- Include any friends still looking for a partner in your conversation.

With a friend, answer or discuss the following...

Question #1:

Why is it important to analyze a character's actions?

Question #2:

What is one thing you can do (or question you can ask) to help you pay attention to the character's actions?

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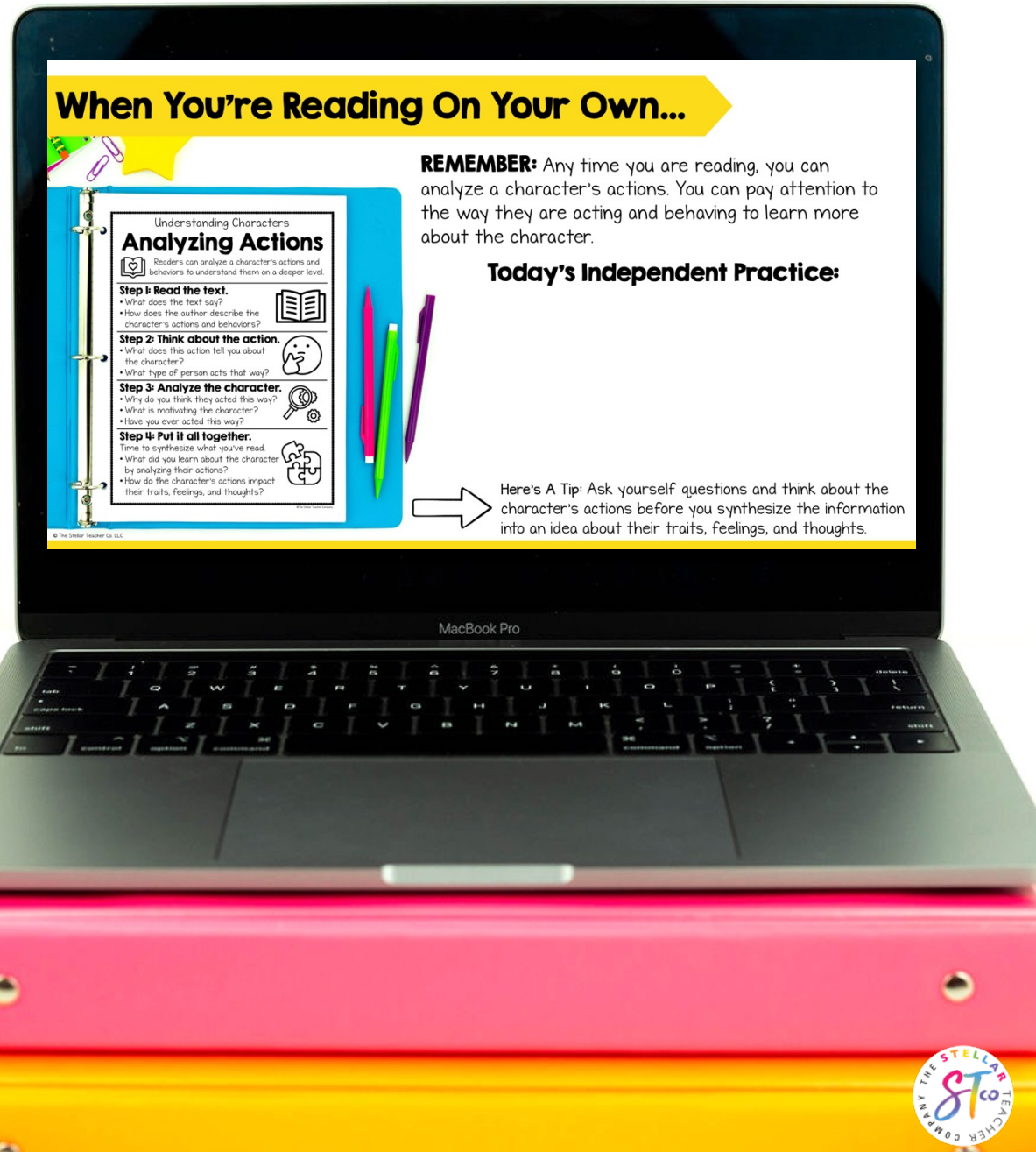


TAKE A CLOSER LOOK...

GOOGLE SLIDE SET: CLOSING SLIDE

The final slides includes a reminder of what you taught and then blank space for you to customize the independent practice assignment for the day.

This is a great slide to leave up during your independent practice so students can be reminded of what you taught and also know what they should be working on.



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LOOKING FOR OTHER RESOURCES TO HELP WITH READING?

Do your students need help building their vocabulary?

context clues • prefixes & suffixes • root words

VOCAB ROUTINES BUNDLE

5 ROUTINES

Monday: Break It Down Monday: Make a Prediction

Affix #3 **de-**

Example: Amber felt **depressed** and **dejected** after she lost the spelling bee. She assumed she would win, but was the first contestant to get out.

Sample: Mr. Jones will **deduct** points on your test if you forget to put your name and date on the top.

homophones • figurative language

Do you need help planning and prepping your small group lessons?

107 scripted lesson sets to teach key reading skills

STRATEGY LESSONS YEAR - LONG Bundle

STRATEGY LESSON #3
STRATEGY: STORY ELEMENTS

Objective: Students will be able to identify the key story elements to help them summarize a story.

TARGET 1-2 min

TEACH 1-2 min

TACKLE 5-10 min

A Model Student

Story Elements

Readers can identify all the key story elements to help them summarize a story.

Characters: Calista, Ms. Luiza

Setting:

Problem:

Solution:

None:

None:

Use the answers to these questions to help you summarize the text on the back.

LESSON PLANS

READING PASSAGES

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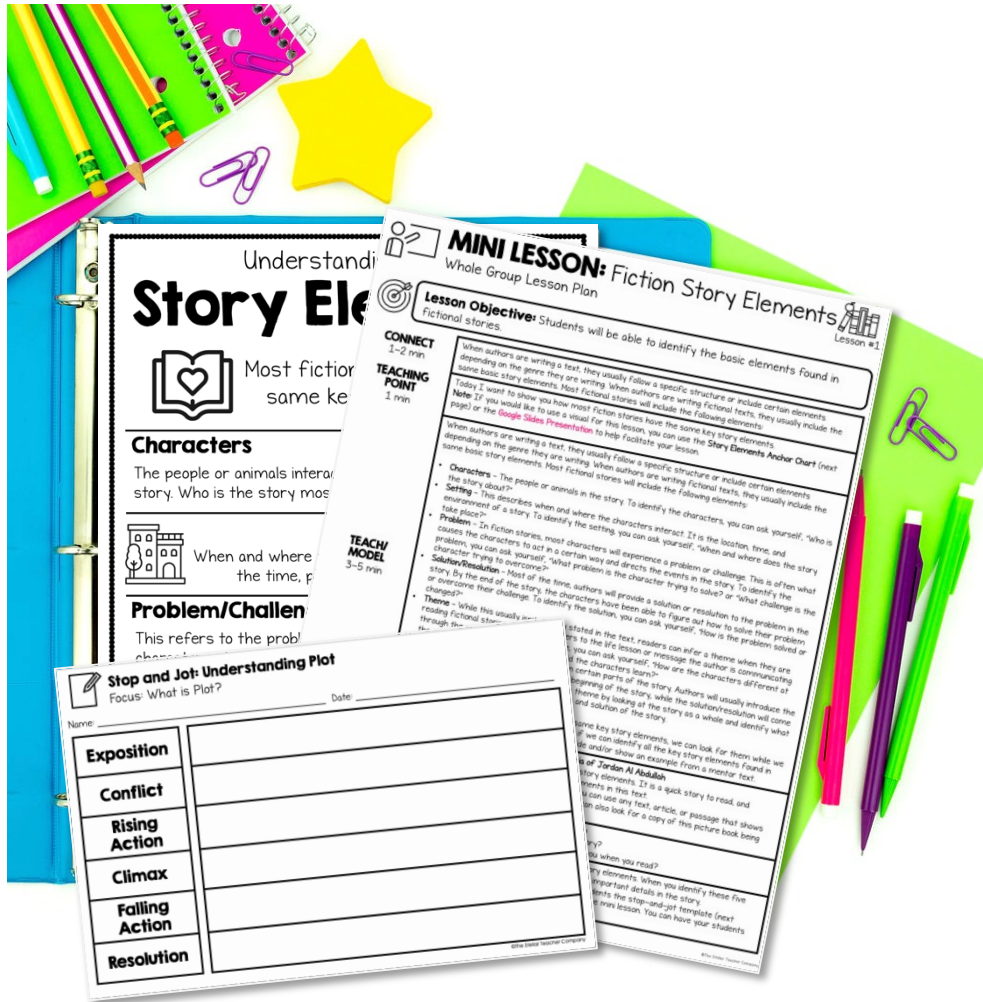
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I'd love to share a free lesson set to help you teach fictional story elements. Sign-up below and I'll e-mail you a free lesson plan, anchor chart, mini-graphic organizer, and slide set.

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I hope you and your students enjoy them!

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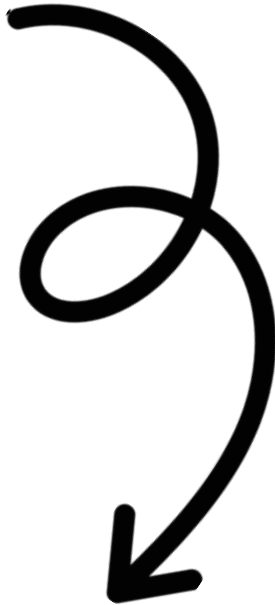
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