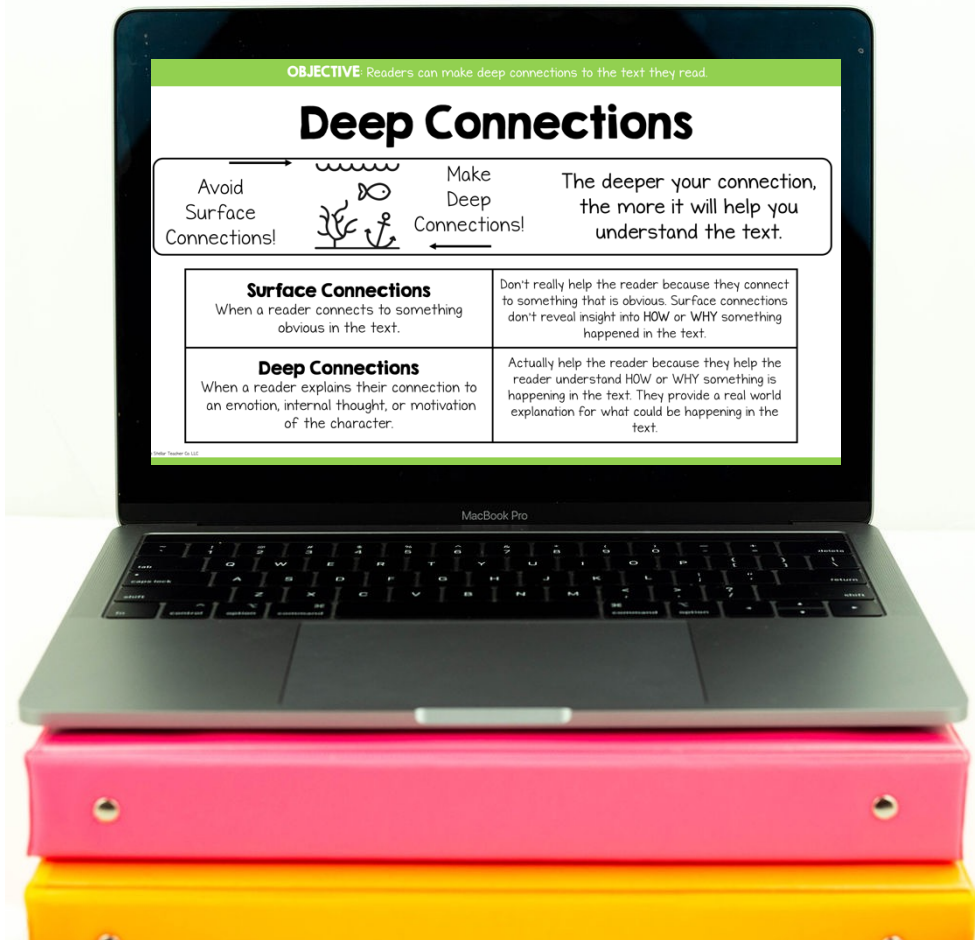
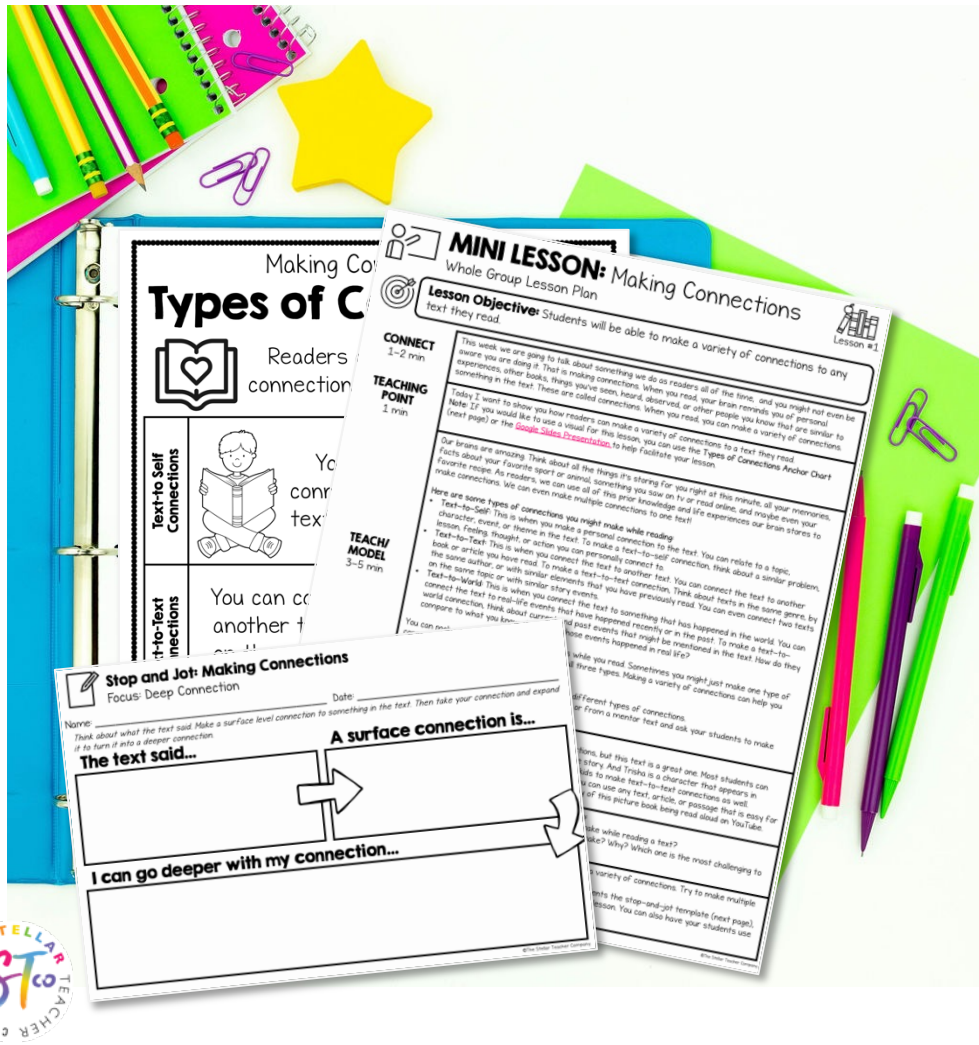


MAKING CONNECTIONS

5 Low Prep Reading Lesson Sets



Lesson Plans • Anchor Charts • Google Slides • Graphic Organizers

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REASONS TO LOVE

THESE MAKING CONNECTIONS 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 making connections: 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.

Making Connections

Types of Connections

 Readers can make a variety of connections while they are reading.

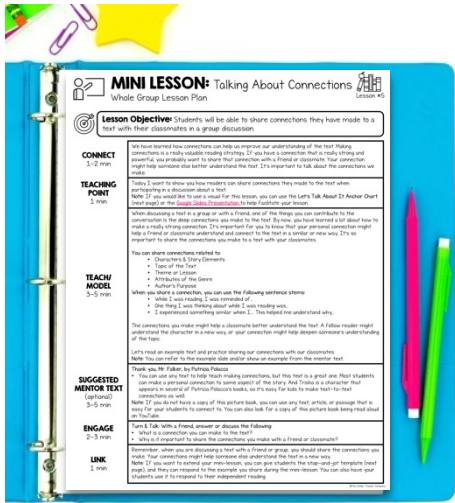
Text-to-Self Connections	 You can make a personal connection. You can relate the text to a personal experience.
Text-to-Text Connections	You can connect the text to another text you have read on the same topic or in the same genre. 
Text-to-World Connections	 You can connect the text to real life events that have recently happened or events that happened in history.

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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

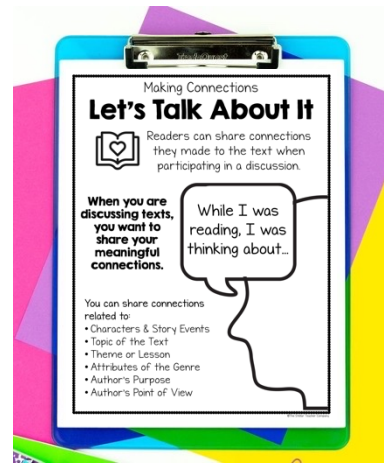
For each lesson you get a scripted lesson plan, anchor chart, teaching slide set, and half-page graphic organizer.

5 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.

5 PRINTABLE ANCHOR CHARTS



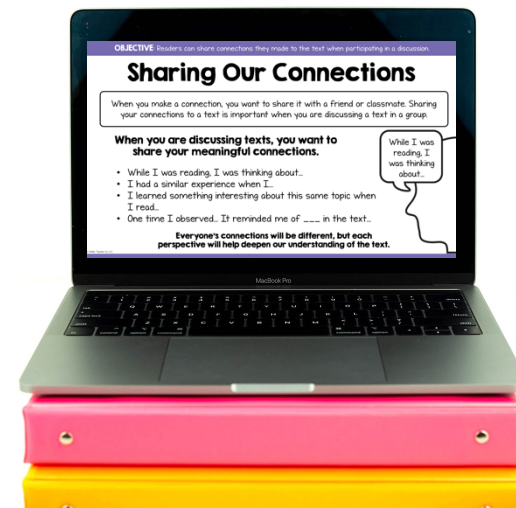
Each lesson comes with a full-page printable anchor chart. Post it in your classroom after your lesson, or shrink it down to 85% and have students glue it in their notebooks.

5 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

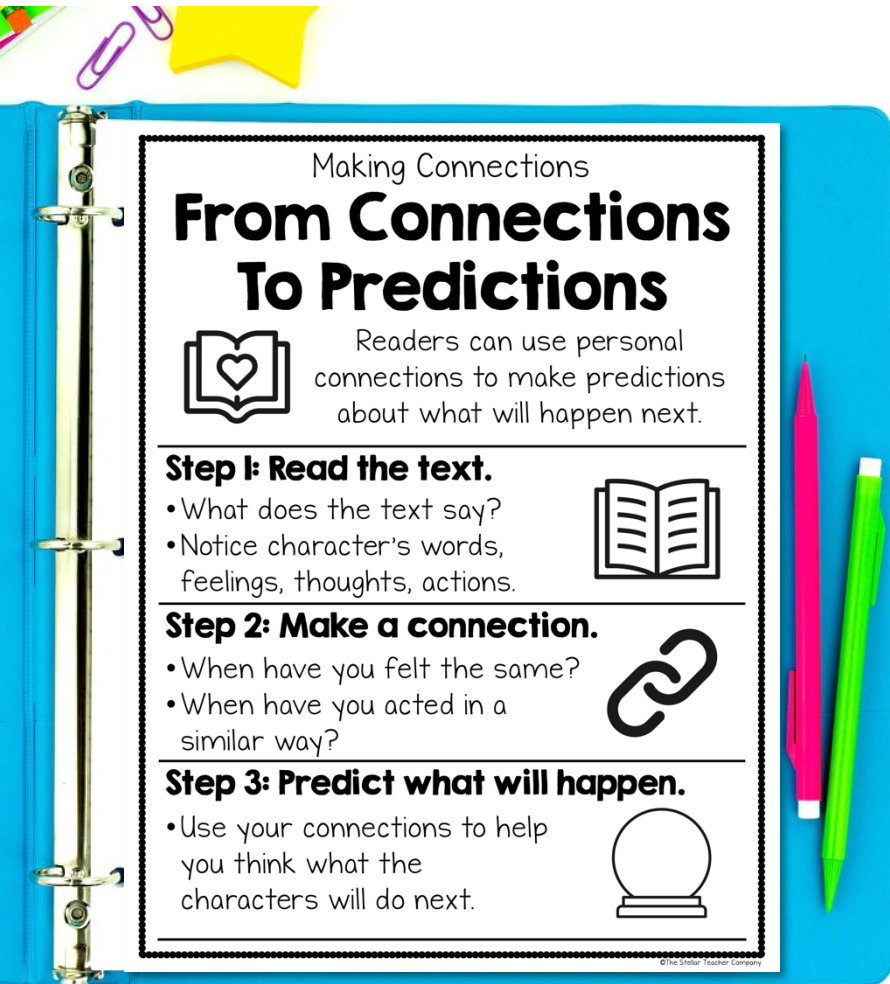


Each lesson includes a set of teaching slides to help you teach, practice, and discuss the objective. These slides help you deliver an effective and engaging lesson.

WHAT LESSONS ARE INCLUDED?

This resource includes five lessons that are all connected to making connections. You can teach all five 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: Making Connections
- Lesson #2: Deep vs. Surface Level Connections
- Lesson #3: Using Prior Knowledge to Make Connections
- Lesson #4: Using Your Connections to Make Predictions
- Lesson #5: Talking About Your Connections

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: Prior Knowledge

Whole Group Lesson Plan



Lesson #3



Lesson Objective: Students will be able to connect what they read to prior knowledge they have on a topic.

CONNECT
1-2 min

Have you ever looked inside a filing cabinet? Most filing cabinets contain file folders. (You could even show an example to your students.) Each folder is a similar set of files or resources. So in our classroom, I have files that contain resources and all my resources to teach theme or main idea. If I ever need to see which file folder I could pull out, I go through my files. Every time you read something, you are making connections to what you already know.

TEACHING POINT
1 min

Today I want to show you how to make connections about a topic.
Note: If you would like to use a video, go to the (next page) or the [Google Slides](#).

Prior knowledge is sometimes information you already know about a topic, you can think back on a word or picture connected to that topic. You can make connections to what you already know.

TEACH/ MODEL
3-5 min

Connecting any and all prior knowledge to the text deepens our understanding of the text. Let's connect your prior knowledge to the text.

When you are reading, you can ask yourself:
• What does this text remind me of?
• When have I experienced this?
• What do I know (or think I know) about this?
• How does my prior knowledge connect to this?


Asking these questions helps you connect to the text. Let's try it.
Note: You can refer to the text as you ask these questions.

SUGGESTED MENTOR TEXT
(optional)
3-5 min

Thank you, Mr. Falke.
• You can use any information you can make a personal connection to.
• You can make a personal connection to the text as it appears in several places.
Note: If you do not have a personal connection, it is easy for your student to make one.


Making Connections

Prior Knowledge



Readers can connect what they read to prior knowledge they have about a topic.

Prior knowledge is sometimes called schema. This is like a filing cabinet in your brain. It's all the information you already know about a topic or subject.



You can connect what you read to information you already know.

- This text reminds me of...
- I remember...

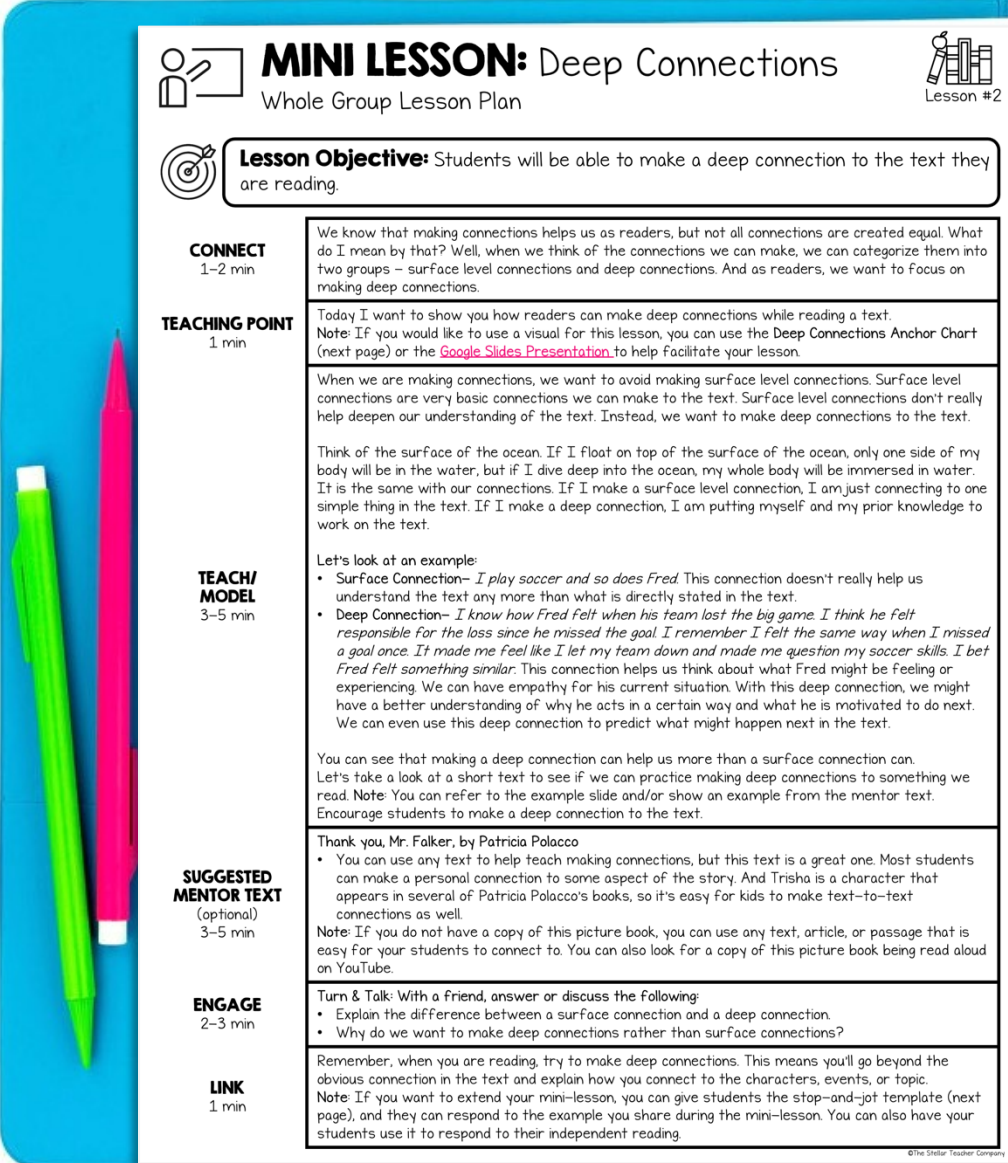
TAKE A CLOSER LOOK...

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: Deep Connections
Whole Group Lesson Plan

Lesson Objective: Students will be able to make a deep connection to the text they are reading.

CONNECT
1-2 min

We know that making connections helps us as readers, but not all connections are created equal. What do I mean by that? Well, when we think of the connections we can make, we can categorize them into two groups – surface level connections and deep connections. And as readers, we want to focus on making deep connections.

TEACHING POINT
1 min

Today I want to show you how readers can make deep connections while reading a text.
Note: If you would like to use a visual for this lesson, you can use the Deep Connections Anchor Chart (next page) or the [Google Slides Presentation](#) to help facilitate your lesson.

When we are making connections, we want to avoid making surface level connections. Surface level connections are very basic connections we can make to the text. Surface level connections don't really help deepen our understanding of the text. Instead, we want to make deep connections to the text.

Think of the surface of the ocean. If I float on top of the surface of the ocean, only one side of my body will be in the water, but if I dive deep into the ocean, my whole body will be immersed in water. It is the same with our connections. If I make a surface level connection, I am just connecting to one simple thing in the text. If I make a deep connection, I am putting myself and my prior knowledge to work on the text.

Let's look at an example:

- **Surface Connection**– *I play soccer and so does Fred.* This connection doesn't really help us understand the text any more than what is directly stated in the text.
- **Deep Connection**– *I know how Fred felt when his team lost the big game. I think he felt responsible for the loss since he missed the goal. I remember I felt the same way when I missed a goal once. It made me feel like I let my team down and made me question my soccer skills. I bet Fred felt something similar.* This connection helps us think about what Fred might be feeling or experiencing. We can have empathy for his current situation. With this deep connection, we might have a better understanding of why he acts in a certain way and what he is motivated to do next. We can even use this deep connection to predict what might happen next in the text.

You can see that making a deep connection can help us more than a surface connection can. Let's take a look at a short text to see if we can practice making deep connections to something we read. Note: You can refer to the example slide and/or show an example from the mentor text. Encourage students to make a deep connection to the text.

Thank you, Mr. Falker, by Patricia Polacco

- You can use any text to help teach making connections, but this text is a great one. Most students can make a personal connection to some aspect of the story. And Trisha is a character that appears in several of Patricia Polacco's books, so it's easy for kids to make text-to-text connections as well.

Note: If you do not have a copy of this picture book, you can use any text, article, or passage that is easy for your students to connect to. You can also look for a copy of this picture book being read aloud on YouTube.

SUGGESTED MENTOR TEXT
(optional)
3-5 min

ENGAGE
2-3 min

Turn & Talk: With a friend, answer or discuss the following:

- Explain the difference between a surface connection and a deep connection.
- Why do we want to make deep connections rather than surface connections?

LINK
1 min

Remember, when you are reading, try to make deep connections. This means you'll go beyond the obvious connection in the text and explain how you connect to the characters, events, or topic.
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 share during the mini-lesson. You can also have your students use it to respond to their independent reading.

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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.

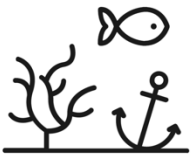
These anchor charts include all the key information students need to remember from your lesson.

Making Connections

Deep Connections

 Readers can make deep connections while reading a text.

Avoid Surface Connections! →  → Make Deep Connections!



Surface Connection	Deep Connection
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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: Making Connections

Focus: Deep Connection

Name: _____ Date: _____

Think about what the text said. Make a surface level connection to something in the text. Then take your connection and expand it to turn it into a deeper connection.

The text said...

A surface connection is...



I can go deeper with my connection...



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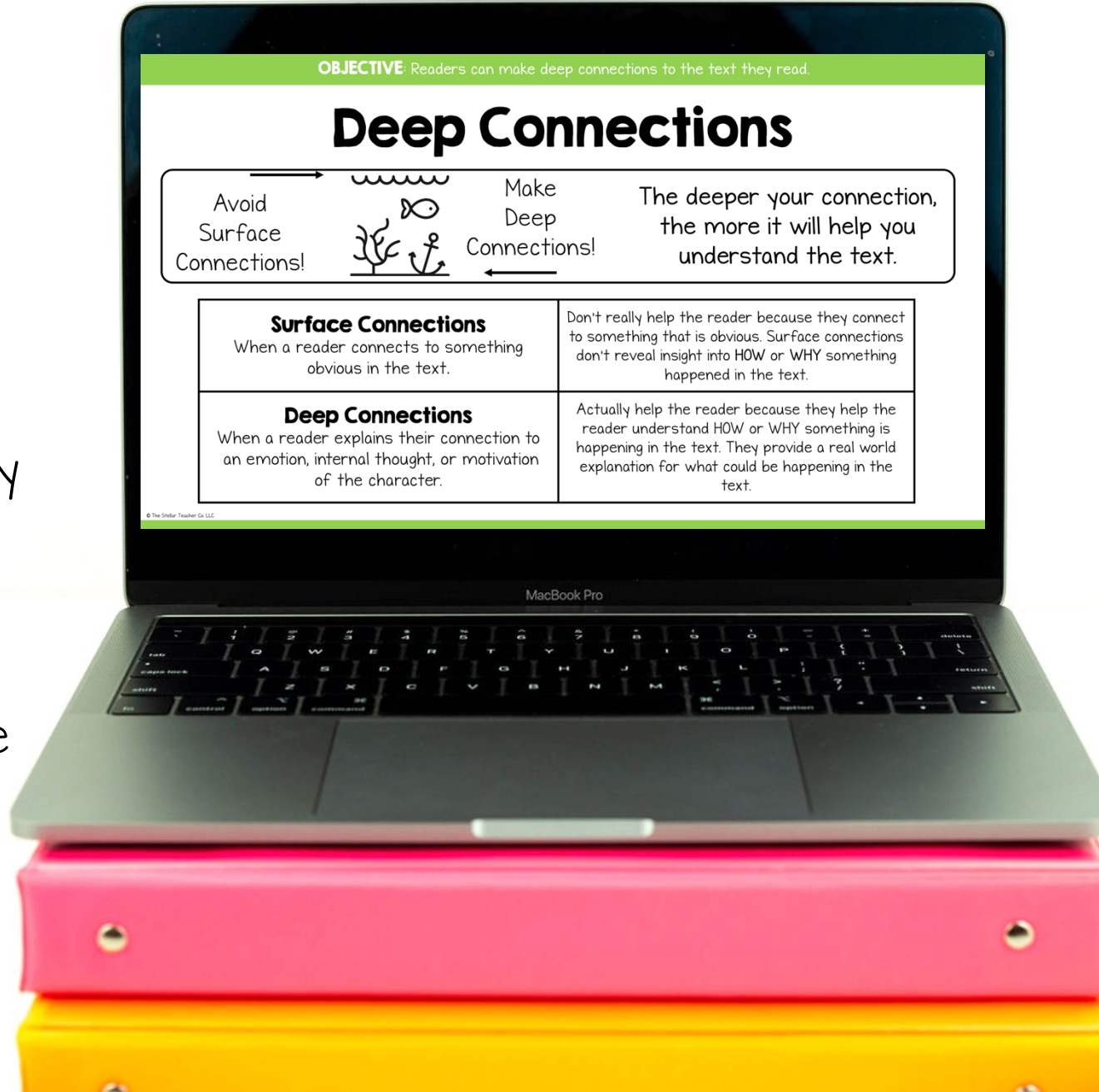


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GOOGLE SLIDE SET: TEACHING SLIDE

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.

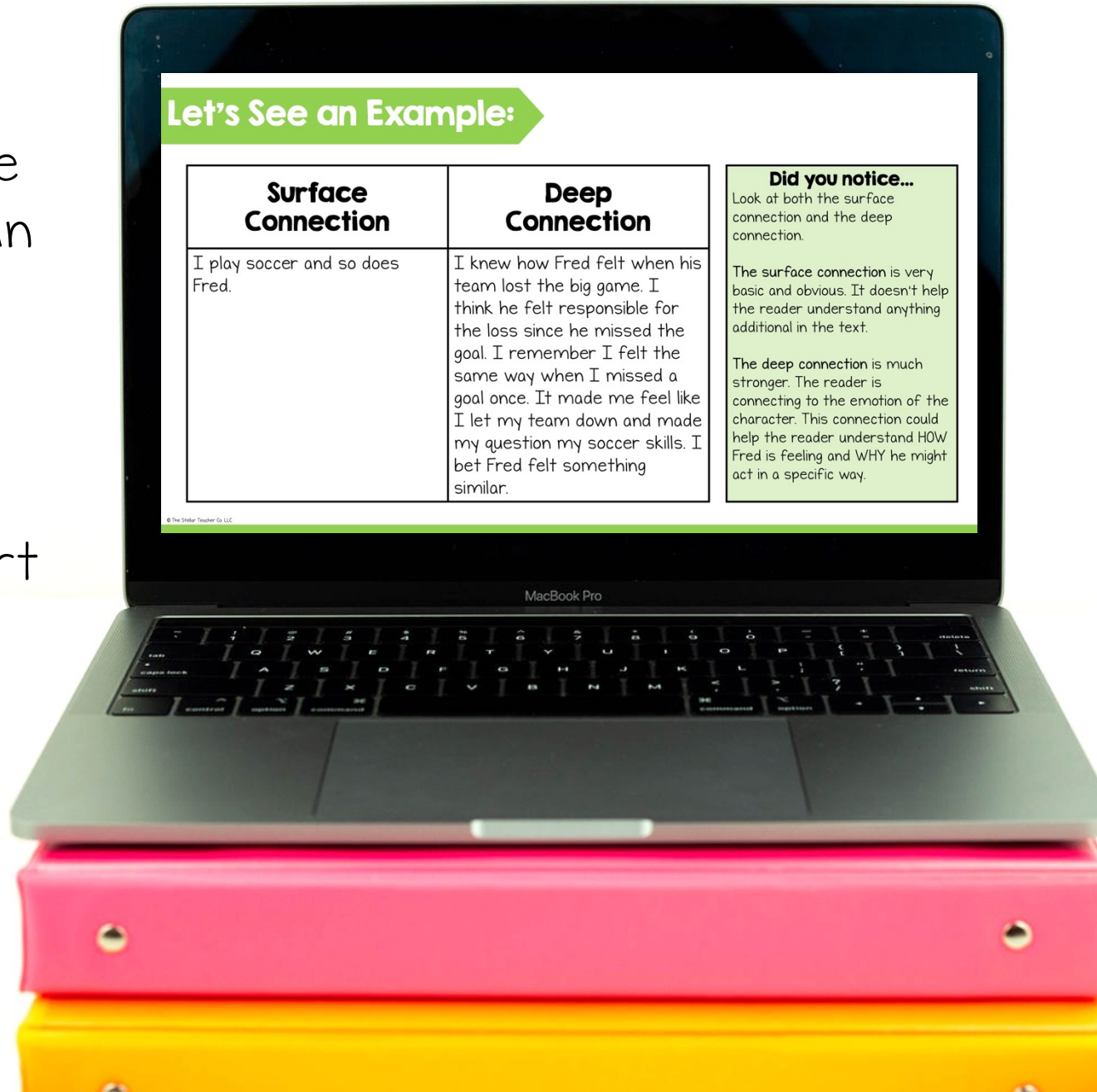


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GOOGLE SLIDE SET: EXAMPLE SLIDE

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.



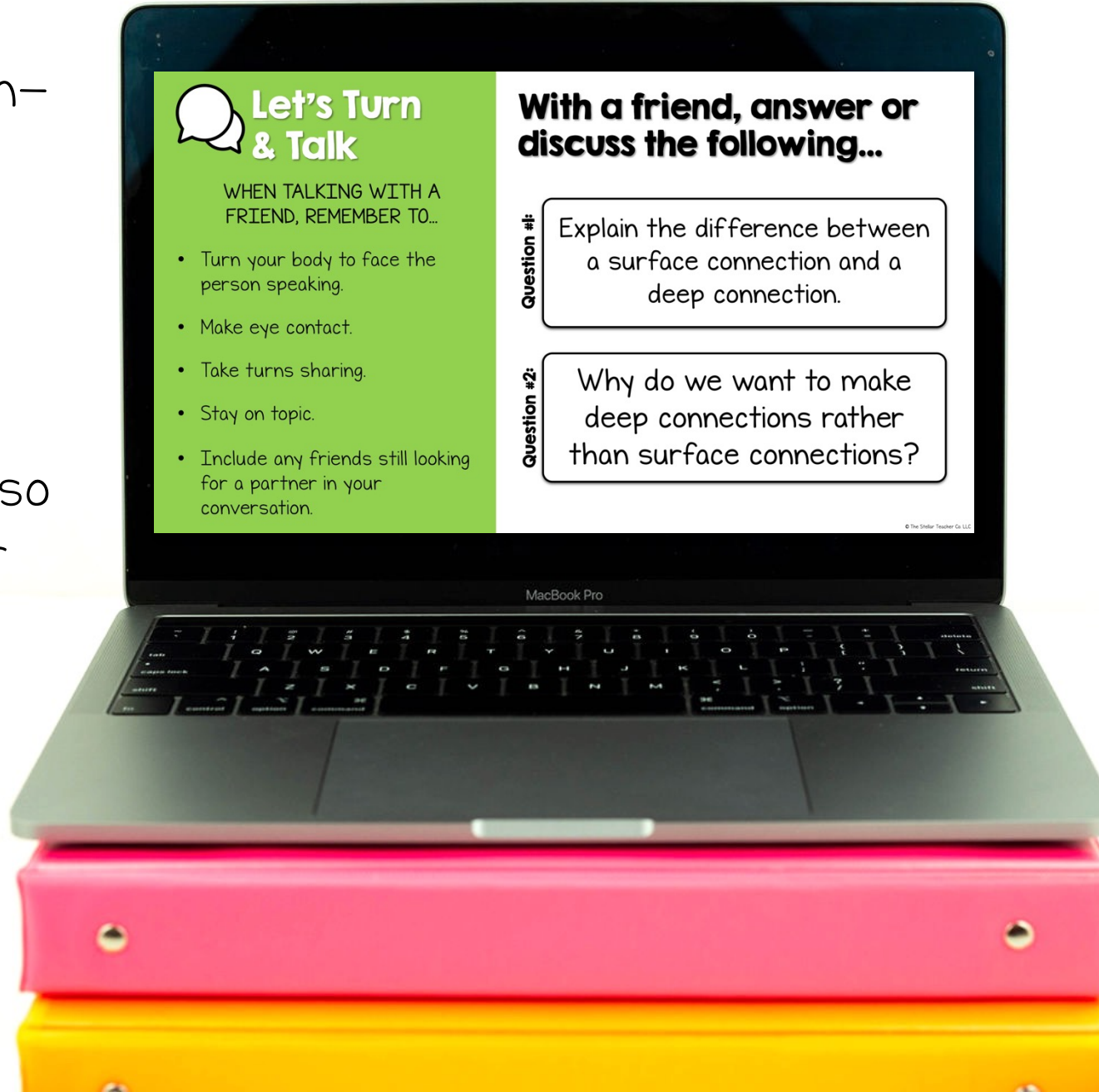


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GOOGLE SLIDE SET: TURN & TALK SLIDE

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:

Explain the difference between a surface connection and a deep connection.

Question #2:

Why do we want to make deep connections rather than surface connections?

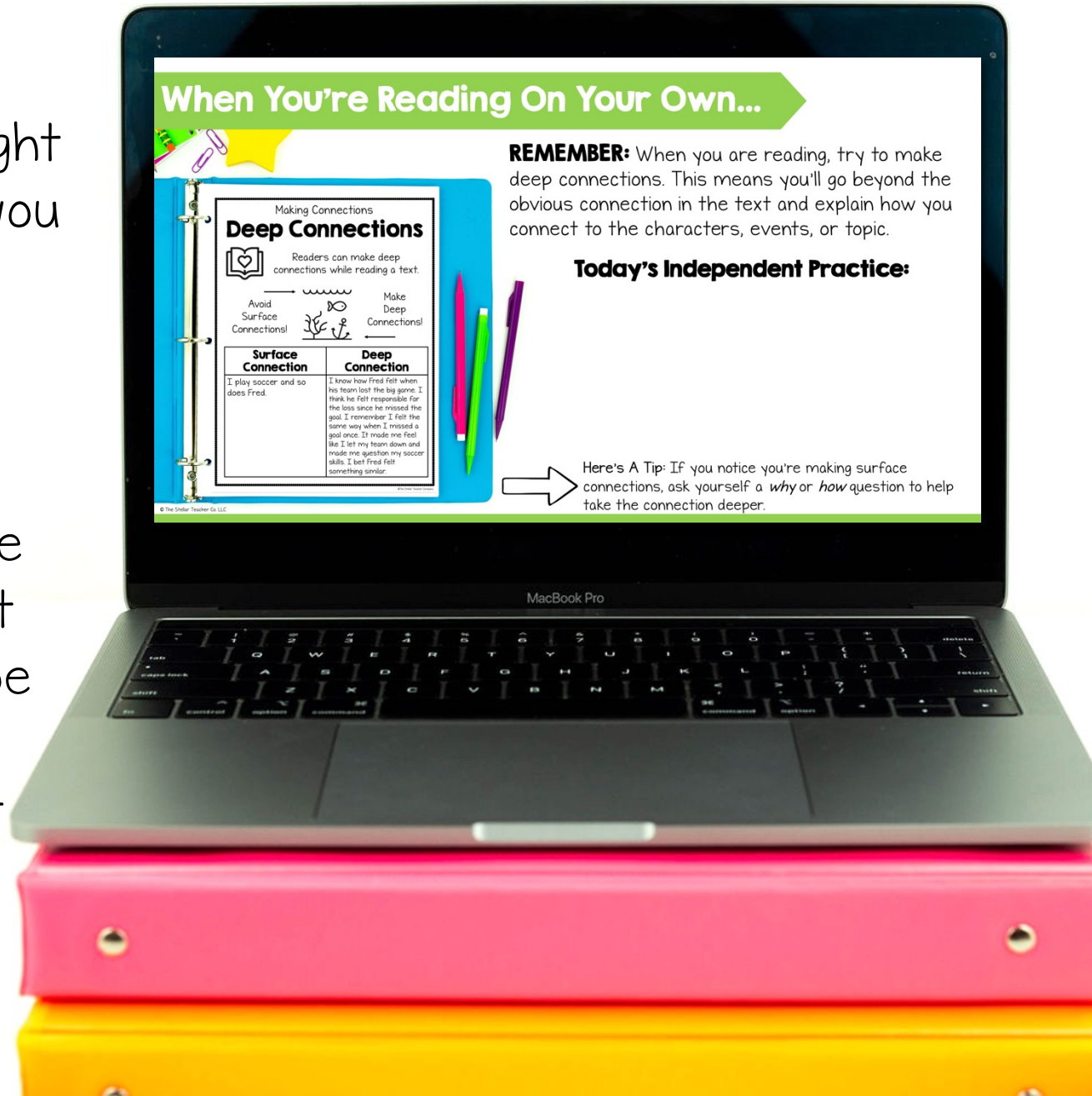
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GOOGLE SLIDE SET: CLOSING SLIDE

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.

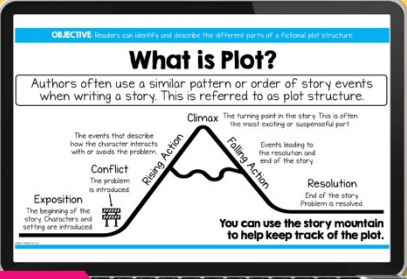
This is a great slide to leave up during your independent practice so students can be reminded of what you taught and also know what they should be working on.



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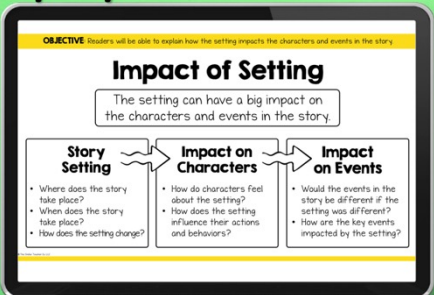


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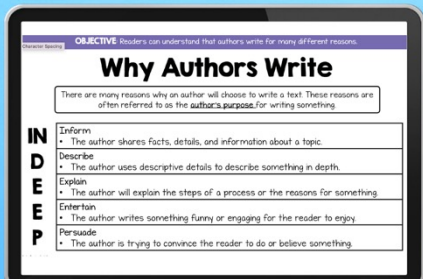
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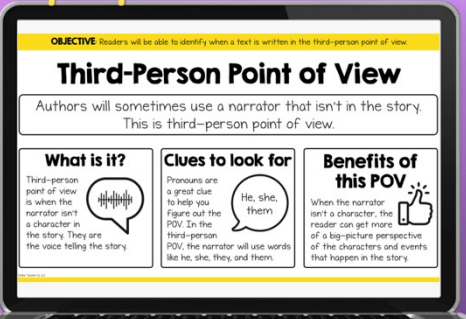
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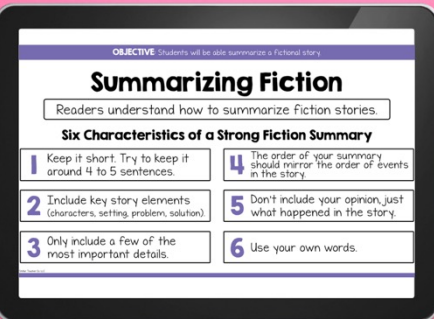
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LOOKING FOR OTHER RESOURCES TO HELP WITH READING?

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. Lucia

Setting:

Problem:

Solution:

Name:

Story Elements

C Characters

P Problem

S Solution

Name:

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

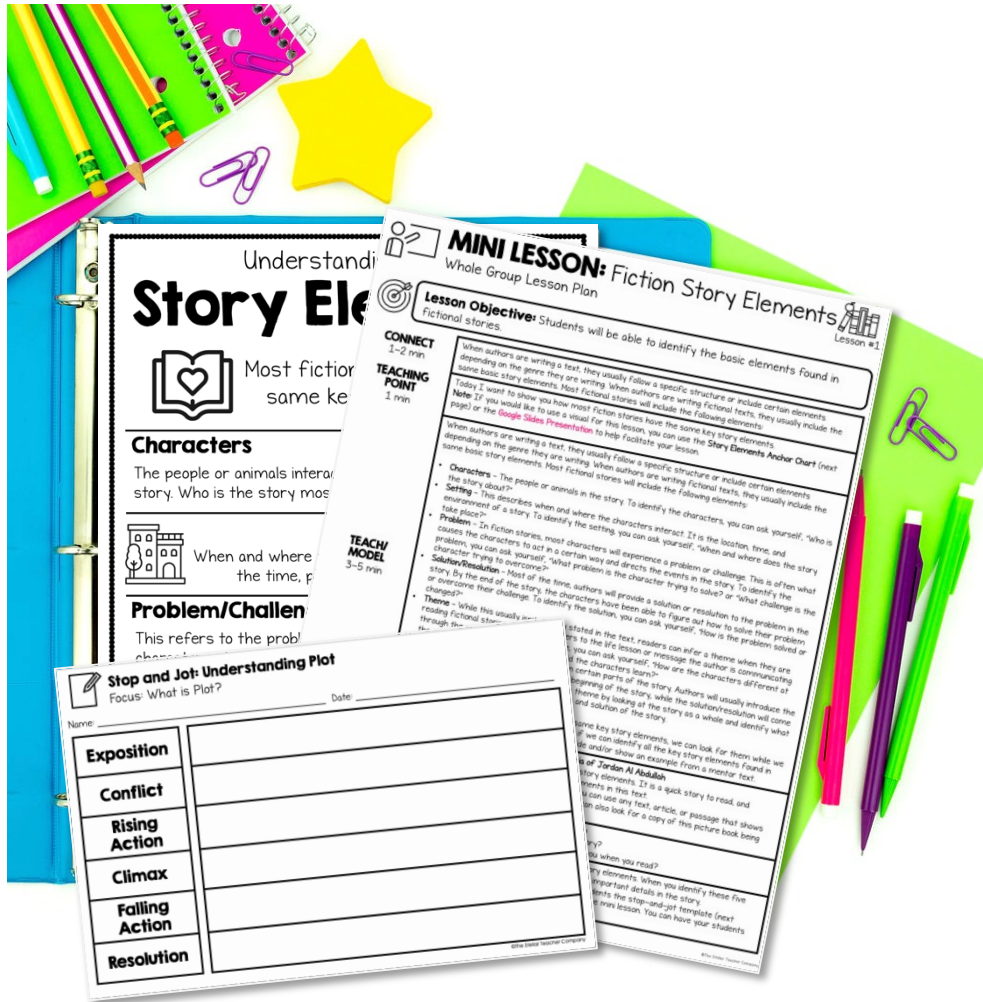
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CLICK THE BUTTON BELOW, AND I'LL EMAIL YOU A FREE SAMPLE!



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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