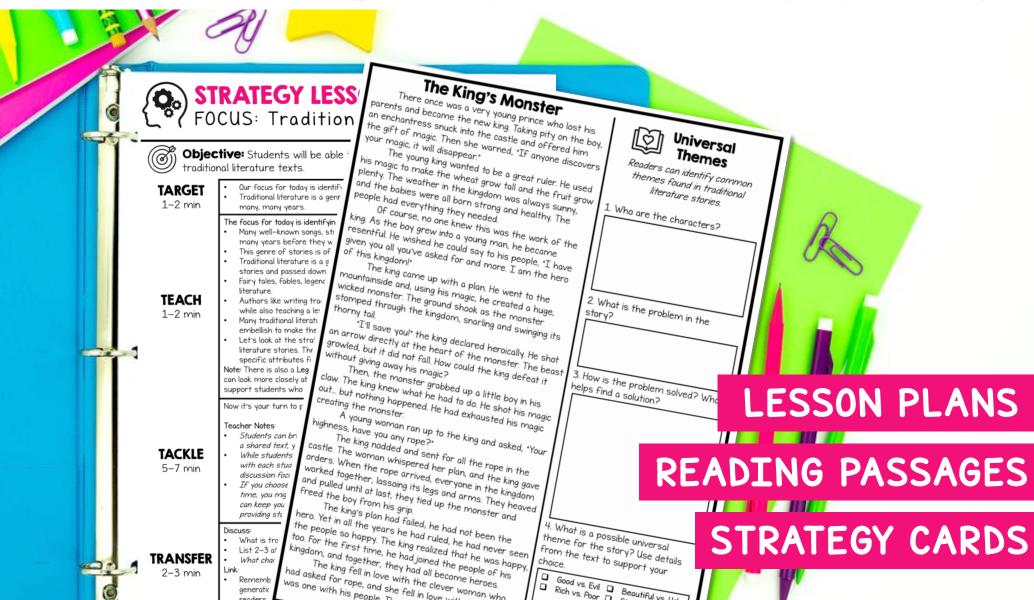
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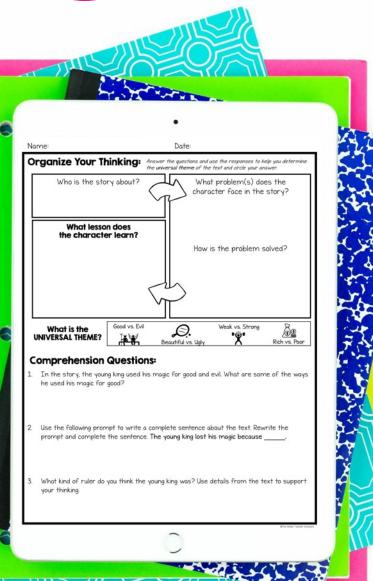
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## REASONS TO LOVE THESE SMALL GROUP LESSONS



#### TIME-SAVING

Stop searching for small group resources. This resource includes EVERYTHING you need for a successful small group lesson focused on understanding traditional literature.

#### **LOW PREP**

These lessons are seriously just print and teach. Pick the objective you want to cover, print the materials, and you'll be all set to teach your lesson. It will take you just a few minutes each week to print and prep your small group lessons.

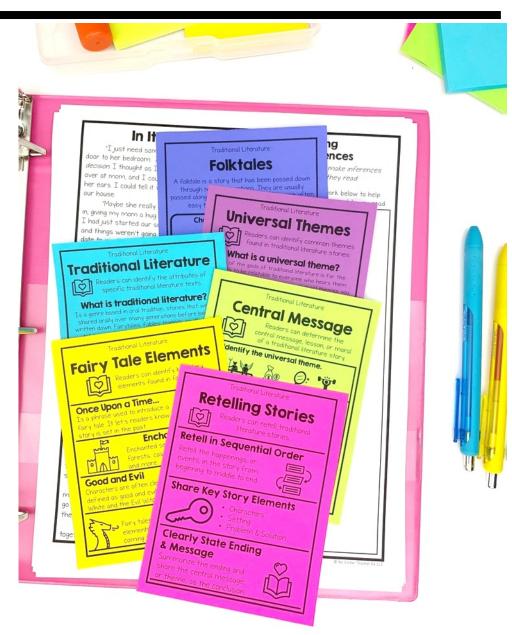
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Each lesson set follows a simple easy—to—use framework. If you are uncertain how to structure your small group lessons, this resource is perfect for you. You can finally feel confident in how you teach your small group lessons.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

8 READING SMALL GROUP LESSON SETS

- 8 Scripted Lesson Plans
- 8 Reading Passages
- 8 Response Sheets/ Graphic Organizers
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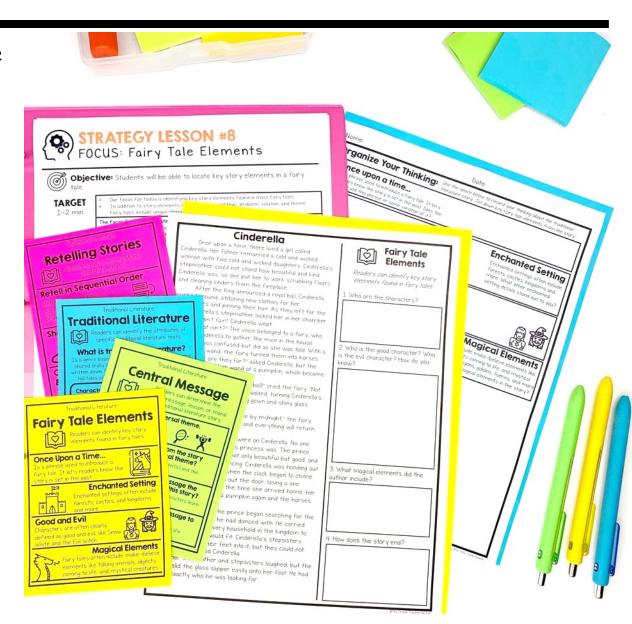


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- Lesson #1: Traditional Literature
- Lesson #2: Retelling Stories
- Lesson #3: Universal Themes
- Lesson #4: Central Message
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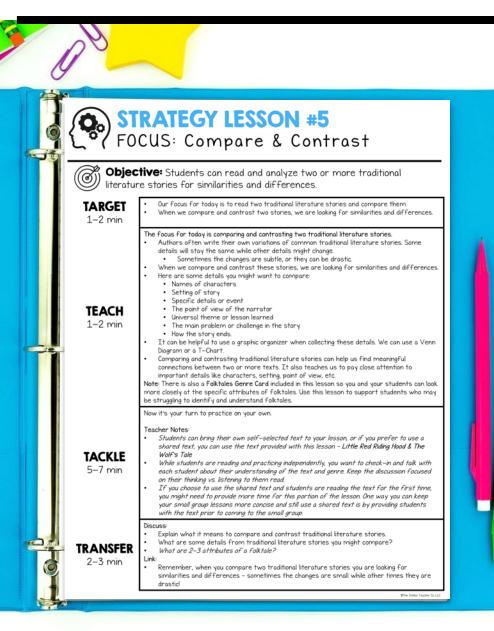
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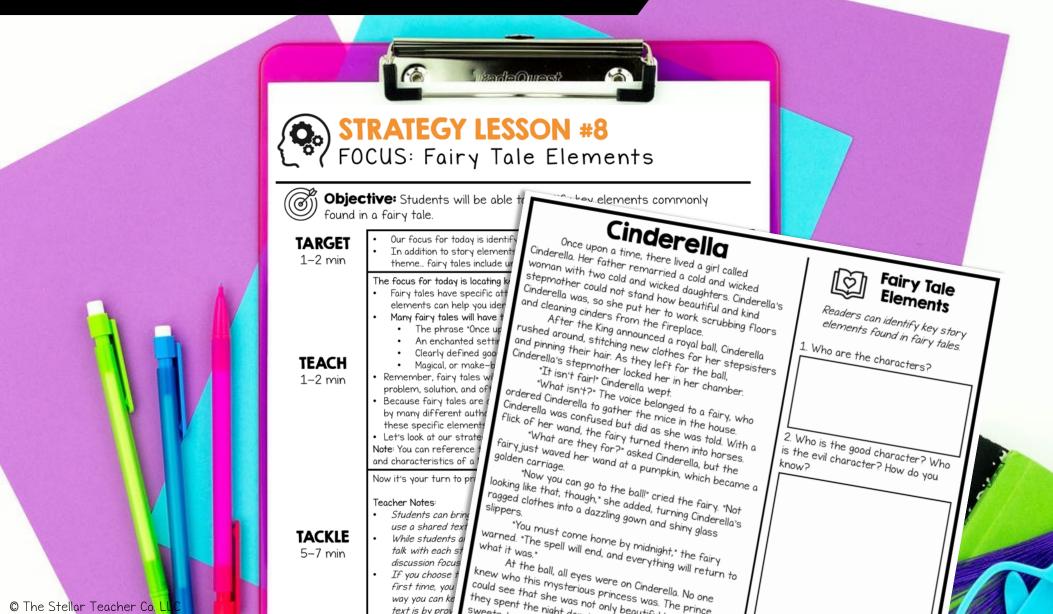
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- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher with strong readers
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  - Intervention teacher
  - Tutor
    - Literacy coach looking for resource for your teachers
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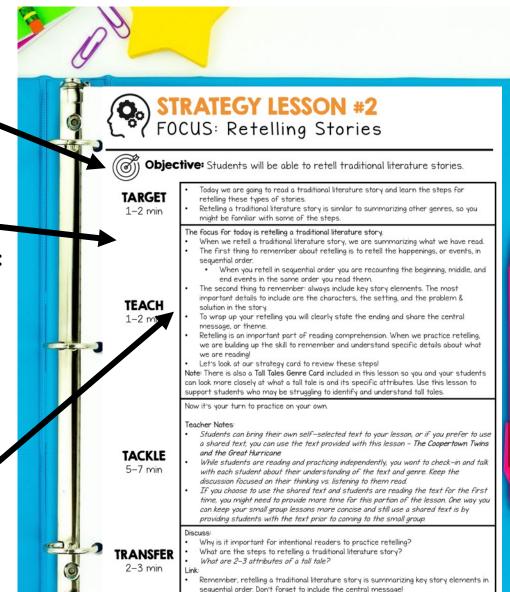
## TAKE A CLOSER LOOK...

SCRIPTED TEACHER LESSON PLANS

Focuses on one bite-sized objective.

Each lesson follows the—same 4T lesson structure: Target, Teach, Tackle, Transfer.

Includes the exact words and phrases you should say to help your students master the objective.



## TAKE A CLOSER LOOK.

STUDENT PASSAGES & RESPONSE PAGES



Student passage written for each lesson objective.

#### The King's Monster

There once was a very young prince who lost h parents and became the new king. Taking pity on the boy, an enchantress snuck into the castle and offered him the gift of magic. Then she warned, "If anyone discovers your magic, it will disappear."

The young king wanted to be a great ruler. He used his magic to make the wheat grow tall and the fruit grow plenty. The weather in the kingdom was always sunny, and the babies were all born strong and healthy. The people had everything they needed.

Of course, no one knew this was the work of the king. As the boy grew into a young man, he became resentful. He wished he could say to his people, "I have given you all you've asked for and more. I am the hero of this kingdom!

The king came up with a plan. He went to the mountainside and, using his magic, he created a huge, wicked monster. The ground shook as the monster stomped through the kingdom, snarling and swinging its

"I'll save you!" the king declared heroically. He shot an arrow directly at the heart of the monster. The beast growled, but it did not fall. How could the king defeat it without giving away his magic?

Then, the monster grabbed up a little boy in his claw. The king knew what he had to do. He shot his magic out... but nothing happened. He had exhausted his magic creating the monster.

A young woman ran up to the king and asked. "Your highness, have you any rope?"

The king nodded and sent for all the rope in the castle. The woman whispered her plan, and the king gave orders. When the rope arrived, everyone in the kingdom worked together, lassoing its legs and arms. They heaved and pulled until at last, they tied up the monster and freed the boy from his grip.

The king's plan had failed; he had not been the hero. Yet in all the years he had ruled, he had never seen the people so happy. The king realized that he was happy too. For the first time, he had joined the people of his kingdom, and together, they had all become heroes.

The king fell in love with the clever woman who had asked for rope, and she fell in love with the king who was one with his people. They lived happily ever after.



Readers can identify common themes found in traditional literature stories.

1. Who are the characters?



2. What is the problem in the

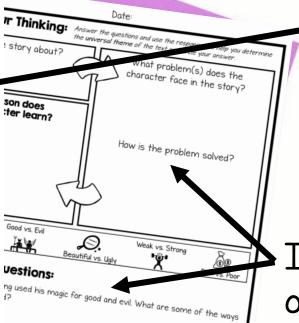
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3. How is the problem solved? Who

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4. What is a possible universal theme for the story? Use details from the text to support your

☐ Good vs. Evil ☐ Beautiful vs. Ugly ☐ Rich vs. Poor ☐ Strong vs. Weak



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Questions to help students apply the focus skill to the passage.

Includes graphic organizer & three general comprehension questions.

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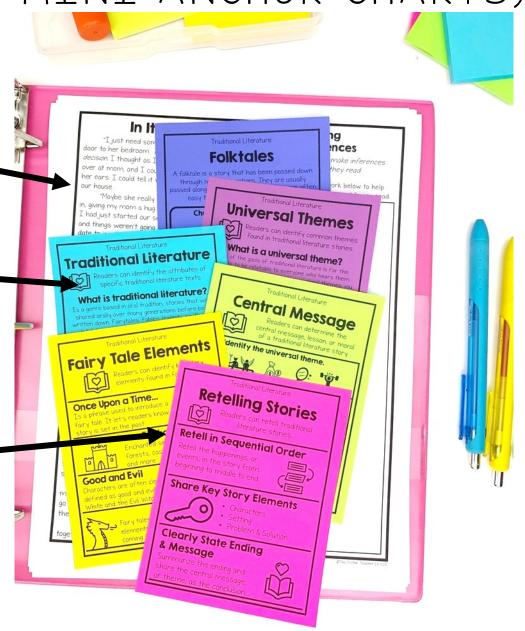
STRATEGY CARDS (AKA MINI ANCHOR CHARTS)

Strategy card for each lesson objective. —

Student friendly definition or explanation.

Includes questions, steps, a process, or a visual reminder of how to apply that focus skill.

Great to place on a strategy ring!



## TAKE A CLOSER LOOK...

ANSWER KEY WITH POSSIBLE ANSWERS



#### **The Coopertown Twins** and the Great Hurricane

Some people said that the young twins from Coopertown had singlehandedly stomped out the Wild Northwest Forest Fire. Others would say, "How could that be?

"What do you mean, 'just'?" Daren would reply. Maren and Daren Taylor were small, but they were tougher than the

One day, a hurricane came knocking on Coopertown's door. While the people of Coopertown ran for cover, Maren and Daren ran toward the shore. This hurricane was meaner than anything they'd ever seen.

Maren kicked at the flood rushing toward the town. The water kicked her back and knocked her over. Daren tried to blow back the raging winds, but they swept him up and threw him into the nearest tree

"You nasty hurricanel" cried Maren.

The twins kept fighting it, trying to push and shove the hurricane away from their town. If they didn't stop it soon, water would be filling the homes of Coopertown and wind would be ripping off roofs.

The twins held the bad weather off for a while, but the harder they fought, the harder that hurricane pummeled them right back. It took all the strength out of them. "I can't fight it anymore," Maren panted at last.

"It seems like the harder we fight it, the angrier it

"What do you think it wants anyway?" asked Maren. There was only one way to find out. Maren and Daren sat down, and they listened. They listened to the winds howl and the

"I'm listening," said Maren, "but I can't understand when you shout so loud." The wind heaved a deep breath and calmed down a little. The water moaned that it was not happy.

"I hear you," said Daren. "How can we help?" The wind whispered its plan, and Maren and Daren agreed. They coaxed the scared people of Cooperstown outside.

"Those two kids fought off that nasty hurricane!" the townspeople cheered when they saw the calmer weather.

"Not exactly," said Daren. "We want the wind and the water to stick around, but if we want them to respect Cooperstown, then we've got to respect them, too."

The townspeople nodded in agreement. The water lapped at their feet and the wind wrapped them in a breeze. From that day on, the people of Coopertown took good care of their water and air, and no one said that the Coopertown twins



#### **Retelling Stories**

Readers can retell traditional literature stories.

1. Use the space below to jot down key details while you read. You use these details to write retelling, so don't for

- Key details 6 m the beginning, nd end of the story.
- You might want to include the following: characters, setting. problem & solution.

- A hurricane came to Coopertown
- Maren and Daren tried to fight

- The twins continue to fight the
- They sat down and listened to the wind and waves

- Daren and Maren made an agreement with the weather
- They told the townspeople in order to be respected, they needed to respect the wind and

#### Central Message

In order to be respected, you have to give respect

2. What specific type of traditional literature is this? How do you know?

Responses will vary. Students should be able to describe several attributes of a tall tale: includes hyperbole, exaggerated events, it was humorous

#### Use the notes you letted down while reading to write a retell of the traditional literature story. You might want to try retelling the story MY RETELL: Example Retell

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A hurricane came to Coopertown, where two tough twins, Maren and Daren lived. The twins were known for fighting against weather. Maren and Daren try to fight the weather but are losing strength. They decide to sit down and listen to what the wind and waves are angry about. The twins are able to come to an agreement with the wear If the townspeople respect the wir will respect them in return.

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Includes possible answers for the questions on the front of the reading passage.

Also includes possible/suggested answer options for the graphic organizer and comprehension questions.



#### **Arachne the Weaver**

Long ago, a young woman named Arachne wove thread into beaufiful topestries. Crowds gathered, amazed by her art, and the weaver began to grow proud. One day, an onlooker told Arachne that the gods had given her great talent. At this, Arachne laughed. "You think the gods made me this talented? I can weave better than any of them."

Arachne's words echoed to the top of Mount Olympus, home of the gods. "What hubris!" cried Athena. The goddess of wisdom and craft, Athena was known for her own beautiful tapestries. "This mortal must learn some respect," she said. The goddess disguised herself as an old woman and paid Arachne a visit. She pushed through the crowds and scolded the girl for claiming to be better than the gods.

"If I am not better than the gods, then let them come and prove it," said Arachne.

The old woman then threw off her cloak and revealed herself as the goddess Athena. They agreed to a competition and set up their looms to begin weaving at once. The crowd gathered close to watch the goddess and the young woman weave for hours. As the sun began to set, they tied off their thread and revealed their work.

Athena's tapestry shimmered with vibrant colors and splendid details. She had woven a scene of the gods showing off their mighty powers, which no mortal could hope to compete with.

Arachne had woven a scene of the gods as well, but in her tapestry, the gods were misusing their powers, fighting and partying and tricking humans. Athena was furious that Arachne had dared to insult the gods like that. To make matters worse, Arachne's weaving was incredible. Athena could not find a single flow. It was the better work of art.

The goddess, usually calm and thoughtful, was outraged. She tore Arachne's topestry to shreds. Then, she turned on Arachne. She threw a potion of Hecate's herb at her, and the girl immediately started to shrink. Her fingers turned into eight spindly legs. Arachne released a single strand of thread from her abdomen as she became the world's first spider. Today, her ancestors spend their lives weaving, thanks to Arachne's pride.



#### **Words & Phrases**

Readers can understand key words and phrases used in traditional literature stories

Find a key word connected to the story that was new to you. Then complete the rest of the table to determine its meaning.

Α	new	word	or	phr	ase
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Pause and
reread the
word and
sentence.

How is the word used? Try to identify the part of speech of the word/phrase.

What clues can help you determine the meaning? Do research if possible.

> I think this word or phrase means...

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## INCLUDES TEACHER GUIDE

Are you new to using small groups in your classroom? No worries! We got you!

This resource also includes a 2 page teaching guide PDF that walks you through all the ins and outs of strategy groups. You also get a generic strategy group lesson plan along with sentence starters so you can create you own strategy lesson plans.



#### Strategy Group FAQs

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## TEACHING GUIDE: Strategy Groups

A strategy group is a small group reading lesson that focuses on teaching students a reading strategy that will help A strategy group is a small group reading lesson that rocuses on teaching students a reading strategy that will neither them be more independent readers. Strategy groups are short-term, include students from a variety of reading them be more independent readers. Strategy groups are short-term, include students from a variety of reading that and applied applied and applied applied and applied and applied and applied applied applied applied and applied applied applied applied and applied applied applied applied applied and applied applied applied applied applied applied and applied app What is a strategy group? Them be more independent readers. Strategy groups are short—term, include students from a variety of reading levels, and provide guided support for students who all seem to struggle with a specific reading skill. You can pull a levels, and provide guided support for students who all seem to struggle with a specific reading skill, tou can pull a strategy group for ANYTHING that will help your students grow as readers — book selection, comprehension skill,



#### Why should I prioritize strategy groups?

- Strategy groups can save you time. When you identify students who have similar needs you can address all of
- It helps fills in the gaps. Not every student in your guided reading groups will have ALL the same skills, even if they are all on the same level. You can use strategy

groups to fill in the gops for students across multiple

 Practicing reading strategies in small group can be much more engaging for students then independent practice.

 Some students need more support than others and strategy groups are another way you can help students become more independent with the strategies you teach.

#### Reminders:

- Small Group Instruction
- 10 minutes
- Students from various levels

Focused on ONE strategy

Students can use their own text

Strategy groups are meant to be short and concise. This is a time to reinforce, remind, and practice a strategy that How should I structure my strategy group? strategy groups are meant to be short and concise. This is a nime to remforce, remind, and practice a strategy that students have been previously tought either during a whole group minimlesson or in a guided reading lesson. The goal is the first children of the following can be a suppression of the following can be a

students have been previously taught either during a whole group mini-lesson or in a guided reading lesson. The goal is to give students a quick win that will help them experience some comprehension success. The following can be a greatly of Feature. really effective framework for strategy group lessons.



#### **Target**

have been gathered together and share the target skil/strategy you will be focusing on Be explicit. Tell them WHAT the skill is, and HOW it will help them as a reader.



Teach students a very specific process or set of steps they should follow. Quickly madel what this will lack like in a text you are reading Remind students of the first time you taught this skill/strategy and discuss how it helps them as readers.



Give students time to tackle the target skill on their own. Let them practice with the independent book they brought to the strategy group or a short text you provide. During this time check in with each student, and see if they are able to apply the target skill 5-7 minutes

Tackle



#### Transfer

Prepare students to apply this skill/strategy to future independent reading texts. Restate target skill and ask students to explain how it helps them as a reader and the steps they can take to apply that skill to their reading.

2-3 minutes

1-2 minutes

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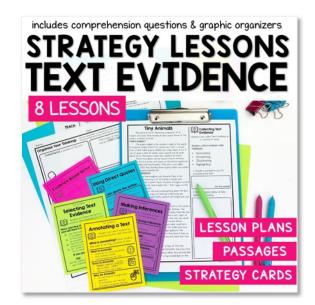


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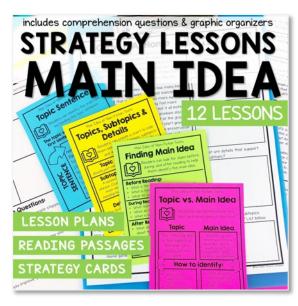
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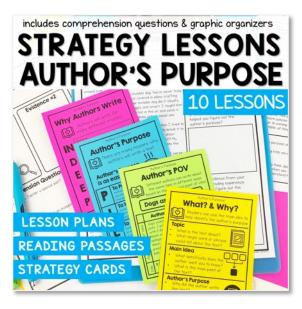
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