All About Genre Passages:

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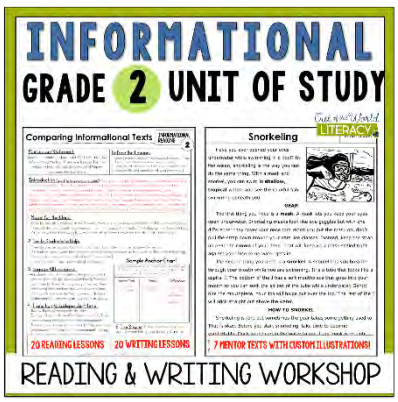
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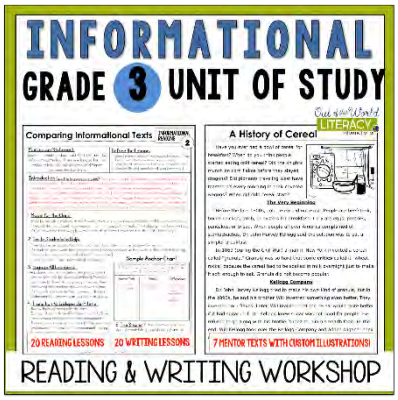
1. 12 Informational texts.
2. Each text is differentiated into 3 reading ability levels. *(see the next page for a breakdown of how they change for each level)*
3. Custom art and illustrations from the talented, Three Birds Art.
3. 12 specific skills to look for when reading informational texts *(see the summary pages for a breakdown of all 12 skills).*
4. 3 Multiple Choice comprehension questions for each passage.
5. Complete the statement comprehension responses.
6. Deeper Thinking open-ended questions.
7. Complete answer keys.
8. 2 Digital formats.
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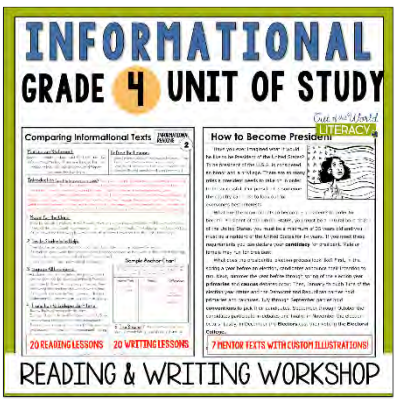
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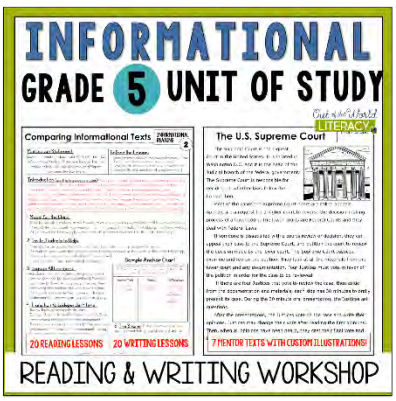
Use the Genre Passages in correlation with an Informational Reading/Writing Unit

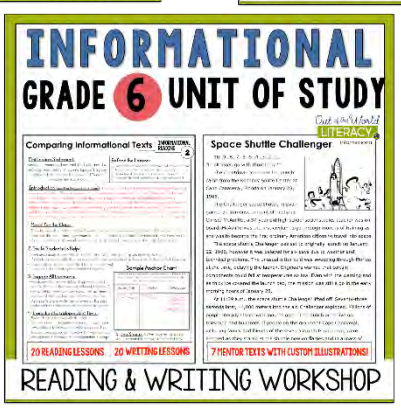
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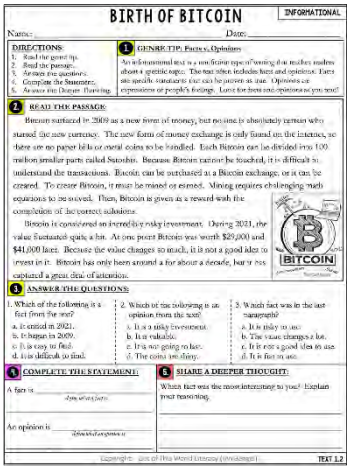
There are 12 passages on 3 different levels, for a total of 36 reading options!

IMPORTANT: Use the code on the bottom left of each page to assign levels to students.

Basic Level: the story number followed by .1. Examples: Story 1.1. Story 1.2.

Average Level: the story number followed by .2. Examples: Story 1.2. Story 1.2.

Advanced Level: the story number followed by .3. Examples: Story 1.3. Story 1.3.


BIRTH OF BITCOIN

INFORMATIONAL

Name: Date:

DIRECTIONS:
1. Read the genre tip.
2. Read the passage.
3. Answer the questions.
4. Complete the Statements.
5. Answer the Deeper Thinking.

1 GENRE TIP: Facts v. Opinions

An informational text is a nonfiction piece of writing that teaches readers about a specific topic. The text often includes facts and opinions. Facts are specific statements that can be proven as true. Opinions are expressions of people's feelings. Look for facts and opinions as you read!

2 READ THE PASSAGE:

Bitcoin surfaced in 2009 as a new form of money, but no one is absolutely certain who started the new currency. The new form of money exchange is only found on the Internet, so there are no paper bills or metal coins to be handled. Each Bitcoin can be divided into 100 million smaller parts called Satoshis. Because Bitcoin cannot be touched, it is difficult to understand the transactions. Bitcoin can be purchased at a Bitcoin exchange, or it can be created. To create Bitcoin, it must be mined or earned. Mining requires challenging math equations to be solved. Then, Bitcoin is given as a reward with the completion of the correct solutions.

Bitcoin is considered an incredibly risky investment. During 2021, the value fluctuated quite a bit. At one point Bitcoin was worth $29,000 and $41,000 later. Because the value changes so much, it is not a good idea to invest in it. Bitcoin has only been around a for about a decade, but it has captured a great deal of attention.

3 ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

1. Which of the following is a fact from the text?
a. It existed in 2021.
b. It began in 2009.
c. It is easy to find.
d. It is difficult to find.

2. Which of the following is an opinion from the text?
a. It is a risky investment.
b. It is valuable.
c. It is not going to last.
d. The coins are shiny.

3. Which fact was in the last paragraph?
a. It is risky to use.
b. The value changes a lot.
c. It is not a good idea to use.
d. It is fun to use.

4 COMPLETE THE STATEMENT:

A fact is _____ (type of fact)

An opinion is _____ (type of opinion)

5 SHARE A DEEPER THOUGHT:

Which fact was the most interesting to you? Explain your reasoning.

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TEXT 1.2

***** See Code on the bottom of every page**

BASIC LEVEL

Grades 1-2

- Shorter sentences
- Simplified language
- Simpler vocabulary
- Basic sentence structures
- Shorter paragraphs
- Larger font
- More spacing

AVERAGE LEVEL

Grades 3-4

- Sentence variety
- Adjusted vocabulary
- 2-4 syllable words
- Added contractions
- More content in a paragraph
- Average font size and spacing

ADVANCED LEVEL

Grades 5-6

- Combined sentences
- Challenging vocabulary
- Advanced sentence structuring
- Longer paragraphs
- More abstract ideas in story content

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GENRE PASSAGES

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12 INFORMATIONAL NONFICTION PASSAGES

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DIRECTIONS:
1. Read the genre tip.
2. Read the passage.
3. Answer the questions.
4. Complete the Statement.
5. Answer the Deeper Thinking.

1. GENRE TIP: Facts

An informational text is a s
about a specific topic. The
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2. READ THE PASSAGE:

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Because the value changes so much, it is not a gooc
Bitcoin has only been around a decade, but it has g

3. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

1. Which of the following is a fact from the text?
   a. It ended in 2021.
   b. It began in 2009.
   c. It is easy to find.
   d. It is difficult to find.

2. Which of the followin opinion from the text?
   a. It is a risky investmen
   b. It is valuable.
   c. It is not going to last
   d. The coins are shiny.

4. COMPLETE THE STATEMENT:

A fact is _____ *define what a fact is*

An opinion is _____ *define what an opinion is*

5. SHARE

Which fact w
your reasonin

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OLYMPIC GAMES

INFORMATIONAL

Name: _____ Date: _____

DIRECTIONS:
1. Read the genre tip.
2. Read the passage.
3. Answer the questions.
4. Complete the Statement.
5. Answer the Deeper Thinking.

1. GENRE TIP: Identify the Main Idea and Key Details

The main idea is what topic readers are going to learn about. Read the title and the first few sentences to find clues to the main idea. The key details are facts in the text that support the main idea. Read the text to find the main idea and the key details.

2. READ THE PASSAGE:

The biggest sports competition in the world is held regularly. This huge battle of countries began in Ancient Greece. It was part of religious and sports tradition. Over time, the games stopped. In 1894, a French man decided to gather a group of people to put together a modern Olympics. The first modern Olympic Games were held in 1896. Every four years after that, the Olympic Games were played. Over 400 events are played during the games.

In 1924, the first Winter Olympic Games were held. Now the Olympic Summer Games happen and two years later the Winter Games are played. Four years pass between summer games. Large cities across the world host the events for over 200 countries. Where will the next Olympics be held?



3. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

1. What is the main idea?
   a. sports
   b. games
   c. Olympics
   d. athletes

2. What key detail tells more about the events?
   a. The games were tradition.
   b. It's the biggest sports battle.
   c. Four years passes between.
   d. Over 400 events are played.

3. What key detail tells more about the history?
   a. It began in Ancient Greece.
   b. It is held every four years.
   c. It is a huge sports battle.
   d. Athletes are competitive.

4. COMPLETE THE STATEMENT:

The main idea is about _____ *describe main idea*. A key detail that supported the main idea was _____ *describe a key detail*

5. SHARE A DEEPER THOUGHT:

What are your opinions of the main idea in the text? Explain your reasoning.

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TEXT 2.1

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COLD AS ICE

INFORMATIONAL

Name: _____ Date: _____

DIRECTIONS:
1. Read the genre tip.
2. Read the passage.
3. Answer the questions.
4. Complete the Statement.
5. Answer the Deeper Thinking.

1. GENRE TIP: Informational Subtopics

Subtopics are like mini topics inside of a big topic. Subtopics are very important because they help writers organize their main topics and they help readers prepare for what they are about to read and learn. You will find subtopics easily because they are often underlined or in bold.

2. READ THE PASSAGE:

Antarctica is full of surprises. It is unique, unusual, and unlike anywhere else on Earth.

Temperatures

Antarctica is the coldest place on the planet. The coldest day ever reached a frigid -89.2 degrees. Boiling water tossed in the air would freeze into ice chips before it landed.



Geography

The mysterious continent is covered in a sheet of ice. Spots are covered by 4 km of ice hiding mountains, plateaus, plains, and other landforms. Penguins are found on the coasts.

Tourists

Antarctica has quickly become a popular tourist spot. Cruise ships carefully maneuver by icebergs. Tourists have been known to litter, so remember to leave clean if you visit.

3. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

1. Which subtopic do you learn about ice covered mountains?
   a. Temperatures
   b. Geography
   c. Tourists
   d. all of the above

2. Which subtopic do you learn about littering visitors?
   a. Temperatures
   b. Geography
   c. none of the subtopics
   d. Tourists

3. Which subtopic do you learn about freezing water?
   a. Temperatures
   b. none of the subtopics
   c. Geography
   d. Tourists

4. COMPLETE THE STATEMENT:

My favorite subtopic was _____ (*name the subtopic*) _____. This was my favorite subtopic because _____

5. SHARE A DEEPER THOUGHT:

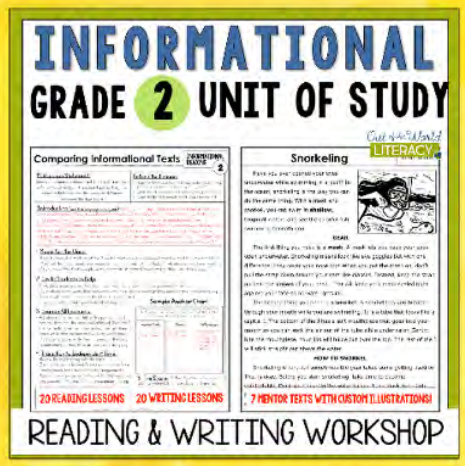
How would you use subtopics if you were answering questions about an informational piece for a test?

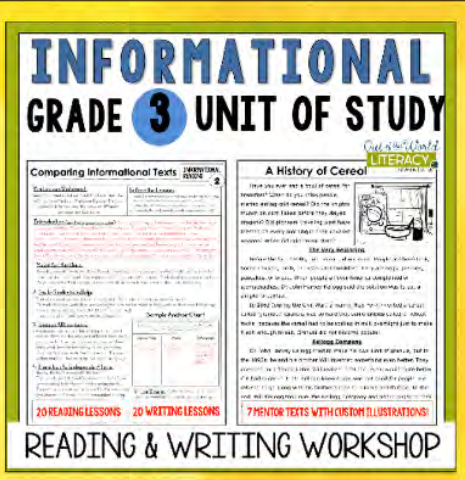
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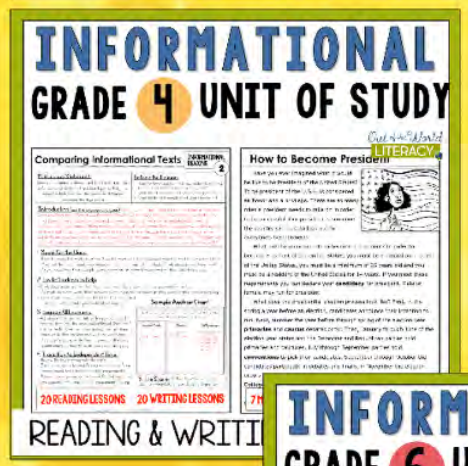
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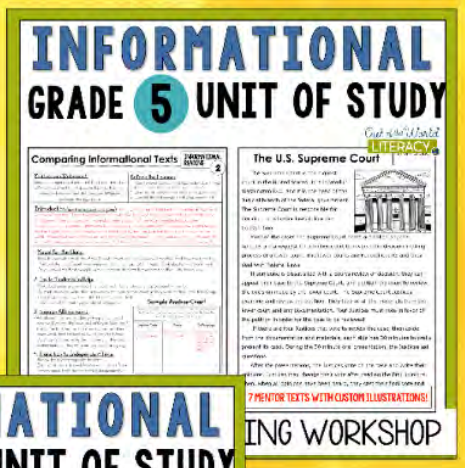
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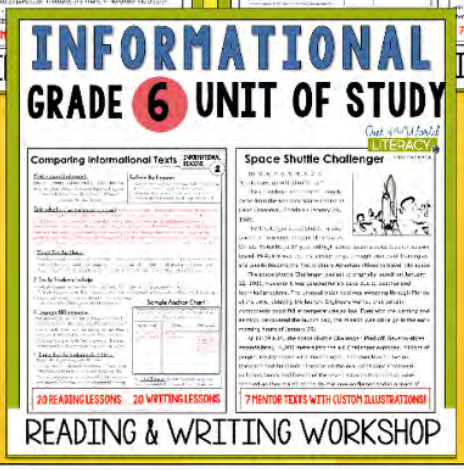
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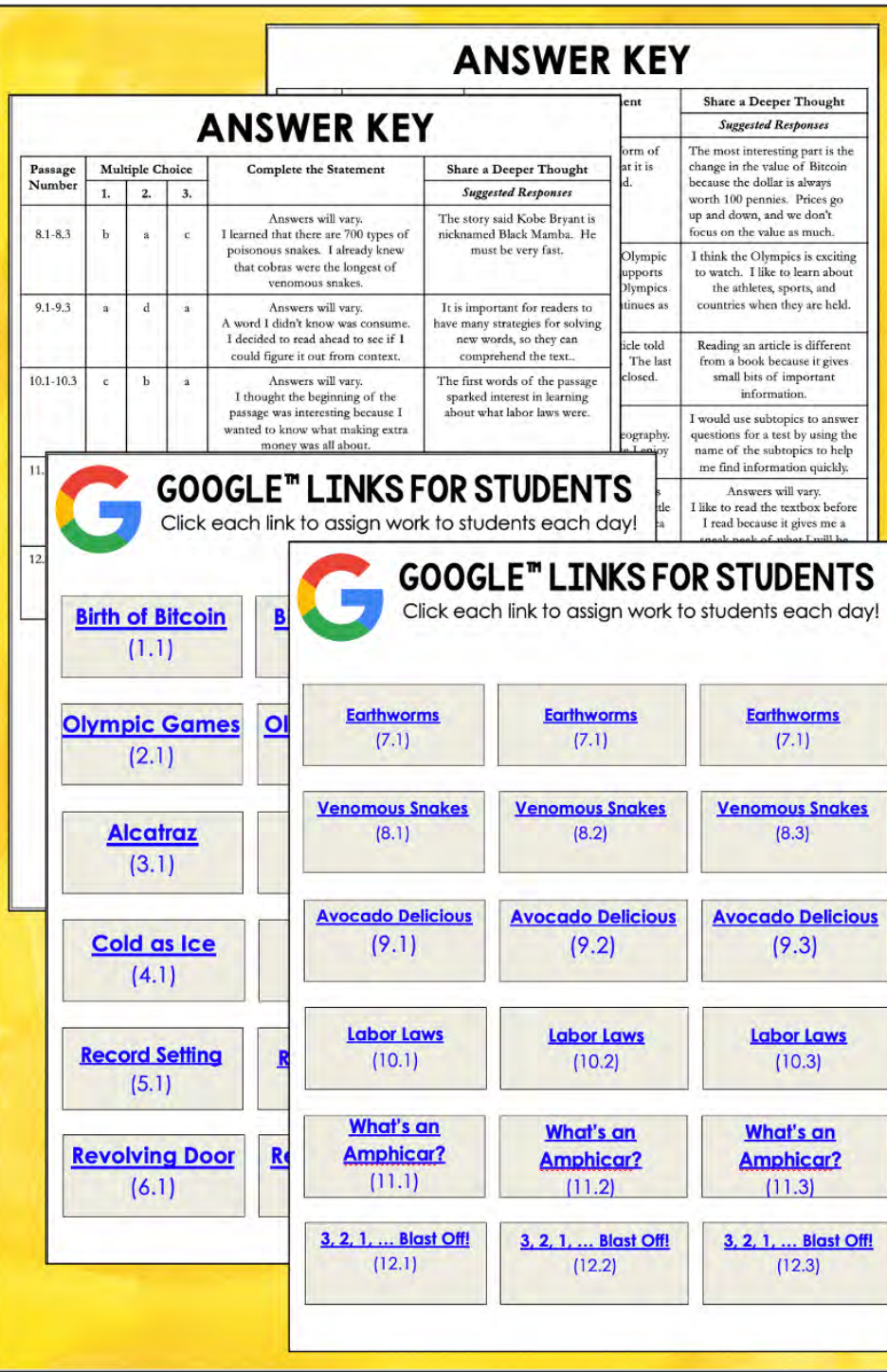




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1.1	Birth of Bitcoin	Facts v. Opinions	150	15	Basic
1.2	Birth of Bitcoin	Facts v. Opinions	175	13	Avg.
1.3	Birth of Bitcoin	Facts v. Opinions	194	14	Adv.
2.1	Olympic Games	Identify Main Idea and Key Details	126	13	Basic
2.2	Olympic Games	Identify Main Idea and Key Details	156	13	Avg.
2.3	Olympic Games	Identify Main Idea and Key Details	205	16	Adv.
3.1	Alcatraz	Newspaper and Magazine Articles	103	10	Basic
3.2	Alcatraz	Newspaper and Magazine Articles	111	8	Avg.
3.3	Alcatraz	Newspaper and Magazine Articles	112	9	Adv.
4.1	Cold as Ice	Subtopics	93	12	Basic
4.2	Cold as Ice	Subtopics	100	10	Avg.
4.3	Cold as Ice	Subtopics	124	13	Adv.
5.1	Record Setting	Text Boxes	155	15	Basic
5.2	Record Setting	Text Boxes	153	12	Avg.
5.3	Record Setting	Text Boxes	168	12	Adv.

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6.3	Revolving Door	Words with special fonts	154	11	Adv.
7.1	Earthworms	Comparing New Learning	143	12	Basic
7.2	Earthworms	Comparing New Learning	155	13	Avg.
7.3	Earthworms	Comparing New Learning	176	12	Adv.
8.1	Venomous Snakes	Facts and Inferences	122	11	Basic
8.2	Venomous Snakes	Facts and Inferences	132	9	Avg.
8.3	Venomous Snakes	Facts and Inferences	142	9	Adv.
9.1	Avocado Delicious!	Learning New Words	123	11	Basic
9.2	Avocado Delicious!	Learning New Words	140	11	Avg.
9.3	Avocado Delicious!	Learning New Words	145	11	Adv.
10.1	Labor Laws	Strong Beginnings	127	17	Basic
10.2	Labor Laws	Strong Beginnings	155	16	Avg.
10.3	Labor Laws	Strong Beginnings	187	19	Adv.

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11.3	What's an Amphicar?	Body of a Text	165	11	Adv.
12.1	3, 2, 1, … Blast Off!	End of a Text	135	10	Basic
12.2	3, 2, 1, … Blast Off!	End of a Text	110	10	Avg.
12.3	3, 2, 1, … Blast Off!	End of a Text	156	11	Adv.

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