All About Genre Passages:

*** The Genre Passages are an excellent tool to use after a whole group or small group lesson inside a Personal Narrative Unit of Study.

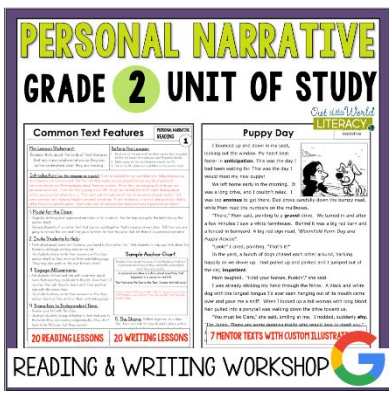
Included in This Genre Passages Set:

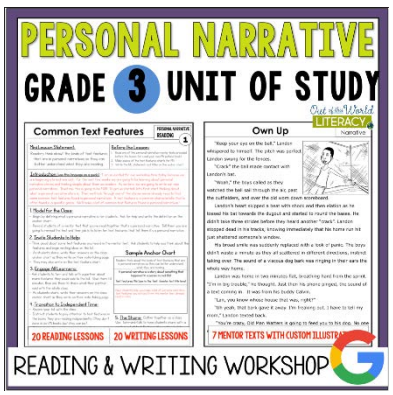
1. 12 Personal Narrative Stories.
2. Each story is differentiated into 3 reading ability levels. *(see the next page for a breakdown of how they change for each level)*
3. Custom art and illustrations from the talented, Three Birds Art.
3. 12 specific skills to look for when reading personal narrative 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. Digital format.
9. Printable format.

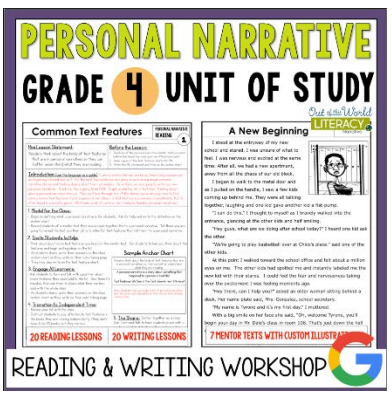
*** PRO TEACHER TIP!

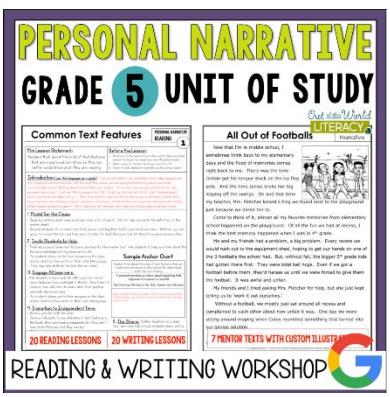
Use the Genre Passages in correlation with a Personal Narrative Reading/Writing Unit

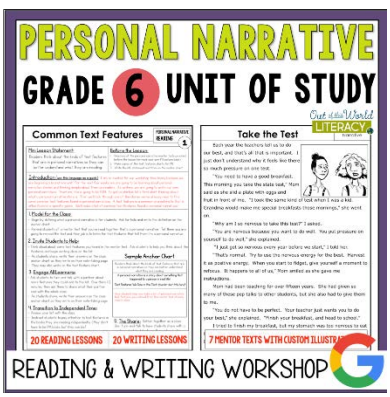
CLICK ANY IMAGE TO SEE THE PERSONAL NARRATIVE UNITS.











Genre Passages Differentiated

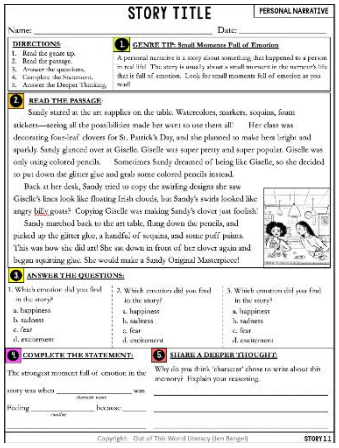
There are 12 passages on 3 different levels, for a total of 36 reading options!

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.


STORY TITLE

PERSONAL NARRATIVE

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.

GENRE TIP: Small Moments Full of Emotion

A personal narrative is a story about something that happened to a person in real life! The story is usually about a small moment in the narrator's life that is full of emotion. Look for small moments full of emotion as you read!

READ THE PASSAGE:

Sandy stared at the art supplies on the table. Watercolors, markers, sequins, foam stickers—seeing all the possibilities made her want to use them all! Her class was decorating four-leaf clovers for St. Patrick's Day, and she planned to make hers bright and sparkly. Sandy glanced over at Giselle. Giselle was super pretty and super popular. Giselle was only using colored pencils. Sometimes Sandy dreamed of being like Giselle, so she decided to put down the glitter glue and grab some colored pencils instead.

Back at her desk, Sandy tried to copy the swirling designs she saw Giselle's lines look like floating Irish clouds, but Sandy's swirls looked like angry billy goats? Copying Giselle was making Sandy's clover just foolish!

Sandy marched back to the art table, flung down the pencils, and picked up the glitter glue, a handful of sequins, and some puff paints. This was how she did it! She sat down in front of her clover again and began squirting glue. She would make a Sandy Original Masterpiece!

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

1. Which emotion did you find in the story?
a. happiness
b. sadness
c. fear
d. excitement

2. Which emotion did you find in the story?
a. happiness
b. sadness
c. fear
d. excitement

3. Which emotion did you find in the story?
a. happiness
b. sadness
c. fear
d. excitement

COMPLETE THE STATEMENT:

The strongest moment full of emotion in the story was when _____ (character name) was _____.

Feeling _____ (emotion) because: _____

SHARE A DEEPER THOUGHT:

Why do you think 'character' chose to write about this memory? Explain your reasoning.

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STORY 1.1

***** 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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Personal Narrative Passages

Below is a list of titles included in this set of genre passages

Passage Number	Passage Title	Specific Genre Skill Covered	Word Count	Number of Sentences	Level
1.1	Math Test	Small Moments full of Emotion	156	15	Basic
1.2	Math Test	Small Moments full of Emotion	164	13	Avg.
1.3	Math Test	Small Moments full of Emotion	202	15	Adv.
2.1	Gateway Arch	The Main Characters	129	17	Basic
2.2	Gateway Arch	The Main Characters	158	17	Avg.
2.3	Gateway Arch	The Main Characters	170	17	Adv.
3.1	Taking a Leap	Notice Details About the Setting	132	15	Basic
3.2	Taking a Leap	Notice Details About the Setting	172	16	Avg.
3.3	Taking a Leap	Notice Details About the Setting	193	18	Adv.
4.1	Sharing a Room	All Story Elements	127	16	Basic
4.2	Sharing a Room	All Story Elements	175	17	Avg.
4.3	Sharing a Room	All Story Elements	192	19	Adv.
5.1	Saying Goodbye	Important Information is Revealed	135	21	Basic
5.2	Saying Goodbye	Important Information is Revealed	158	19	Avg.
5.3	Saying Goodbye	Important Information is Revealed	191	19	Adv.

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6.1	At the Farm	Think About the Author's Purpose	123	14	Basic
6.2	At the Farm	Think About the Author's Purpose	176	18	Avg.
6.3	At the Farm	Think About the Author's Purpose	188	19	Adv.
7.1	Aunt Minnie's Wallet	Listen for the Writer's Inner Voice	148	17	Basic
7.2	Aunt Minnie's Wallet	Listen for the Writer's Inner Voice	176	19	Avg.
7.3	Aunt Minnie's Wallet	Listen for the Writer's Inner Voice	222	20	Adv.
8.1	New Places New Faces	Notice Tension in the Story	137	18	Basic
8.2	New Places New Faces	Notice Tension in the Story	167	18	Avg.
8.3	New Places New Faces	Notice Tension in the Story	210	21	Adv.
9.1	For the Win	Identify Language that is Full of Emotion	138	16	Basic
9.2	For the Win	Identify Language that is Full of Emotion	169	18	Avg.
9.3	For the Win	Identify Language that is Full of Emotion	189	16	Adv.
10.1	What's That Noise?	Analyze Events	127	17	Basic
10.2	What's That Noise?	Analyze Events	155	16	Avg.
10.3	What's That Noise?	Analyze Events	187	19	Adv.

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11.1	In the Dog House	Analyze Dialogue	130	12	Basic
11.2	In the Dog House	Analyze Dialogue	147	13	Avg.
11.3	In the Dog House	Analyze Dialogue	173	15	Adv.
12.1	Looking for…Snakes?	Identify Strong Feelings	115	16	Basic
12.2	Looking for…Snakes?	Identify Strong Feelings	164	18	Avg.
12.3	Looking for…Snakes?	Identify Strong Feelings	185	20	Adv.

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MATH TEST

PERSONAL NARRATIVE

Name: _____ Date: _____

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

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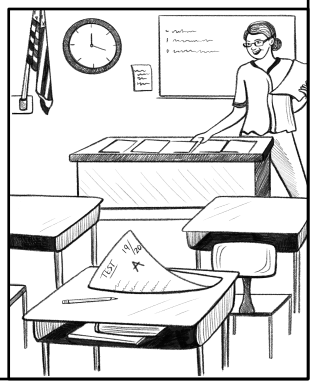
2. READ THE PASSAGE:

I watched Mrs. Sharp hand out the math tests. One at a time she laid them on the desks in front of us. Each test given back made me more curious about my score.

"You will see your grade and another number at the top. Let's focus on the number you answered correctly," Mrs. Sharp said to our class.

I could feel my hands get clammy. My stomach felt like a wobbly giraffe trying to walk for the first time. I wasn't sure if I did very well on the test.

"I would like you to correct your test. This will help you figure out any mistakes," Mrs. Sharp said to the class. "Nice work, Sadie," she said as she gave me my test. I slowly flipped the test over. Staring back at me was a large red A on the top. I grinned even larger when I saw the number correct. My hard work paid off.



3. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS:

1. Which emotion did you find in the story?
   a. confusion
   b. amazement
   c. happiness
   d. surprise

2. Which emotion did you find in the story?
   a. worry
   b. hate
   c. distrust
   d. silliness

3. Which emotion did you find in the story?
   a. curiosity
   b. sadness
   c. anger
   d. goofy

4. COMPLETE THE STATEMENT:

The strongest moment full of emotion in the story was when _____ was
character name
feeling _____ because _____
emotion
_____ .

5. SHARE A DEEPER THOUGHT:

Why do you think Sadie chose to write about this memory? Explain your reasoning.

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