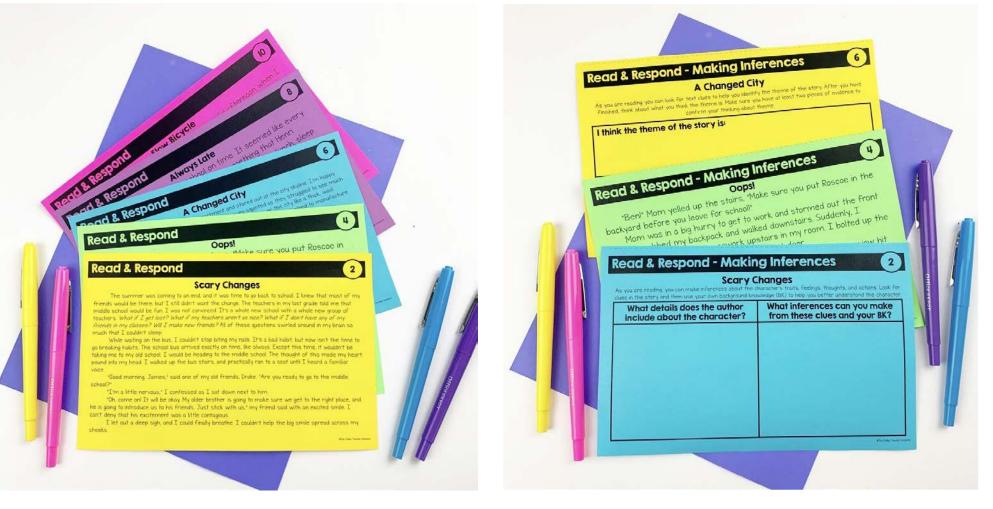
MAKING INFERENCES READ & RESPOND TASK CARDS



Students practice making inferences with fiction texts.

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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

This resource includes 24 reading task cards that contain short fiction passages that will help you teach, practice, and reinforce making inferences in fiction texts.

Task cards can be printed in three different ways.



Option #1 - Just the text

Option #2 – Text and Graphic Organizer Template

Option #3 – Text and Response Questions

Digital versions are included for all three sets of task cards.

Option #I - Just the Text

One of the printing options for the task cards is to print JUST the text. Each task card has a short fiction reading passages (takes up half a page). The passages lend themselves to making inferences about the text, but you really could use them to teach any fiction skill.



- This set of task cards is ideal if you want to use them in the "traditional" task card way.
- I suggest printing them on cardstock and either putting them all on a book ring or in a photo box.
- There are 3 options of reading response sheets included so students can read the passages and respond on a separate page.



Option #2 - Passage & Graphic Organizer

One of the printing options includes the passage and a graphic organizer template. These task cards can be printed front and back and work great in a center, as part of your small group instruction, or even for guided practice.

- On the front of each task card is a short reading passage (the same numbers and titles as option #1).
- The bottom of each task card includes a few questions to prompt students to make inferences about the text.
- On the back, there is a graphic organizer template that will help students organize their thinking to make inferences about one specific part of the text.



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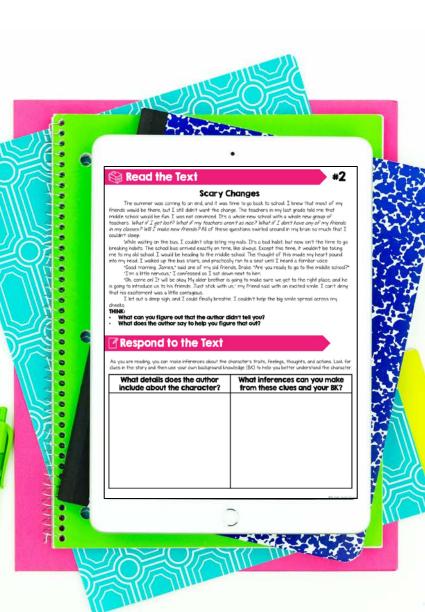
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There are three different digital versions included (to match the three different printing options).

- Option 1: The text with a generic space for student response.
- Option 2: The text with the graphic organizer at the bottom (this one is pictured to the right)
- Option 3: The text with the text-based comprehension questions on the bottom.



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A LOOK INSIDE...(option I)

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Brothers

Robert and Gene have always willingly shared their tays with each other. They are brothers, but me they are also best friends. Well, they were best friends until last Christmas. There have always been he little issues, but nothing like this. It all started when Robert got the toy that Gene really wanted for ash Christmas

- "Can I play with your remote-control truck?" Gene beaged Robert
- "No." snorted Robert, "it's mine." Gene waited patiently for his chance to play with the truck, and he even tried to bribe Robert by

entir offering to do his chores. Nothing worked. Frustration had Finally taken over Gene. He waited until his exh brother was outside. He arabbed the controller and started driving the truck around. Suddenly, he last control. He accidentally drove it down the stairs, it bounced to the bottom, and broke into a bunch of nieces

. Gene panicked. Guilt rushed over him so quickly, he could Feel his head throb. He ran down the stairs and tried to pick up the pieces.

"What have you done?" Robert velled as he walked in an the disaster. Gene instantly began to cry "I'm so sorry, Robert! I didn't mean to break it," Gene walled as he tried to put the truck back together. "I just wanted to drive it around, and you wouldn't share it with me," Gene continued through his sobs.

Robert was surprised at Gene's tears. "It's okay. It's just a tay." Robert resolved. Robert felt frustrated at himself for being so selfish. "Let's clean this up and go find another tay to play with No big deal.

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Slow Bicycle

I was sitting on the porch enjoying the peaceful afternoon when I noticed someone riding a bicycle down the street. The rider seemed to be going painfully slow, and it took her forever to reach my house. When she got close enough for me to see, I noticed that her bike had a flat tire. The bicycle was barely moving, despite all of her efforts. The rider was out of breath and drenched in sweat.

I flagged her down, "I have an air pump" I shouted. Relieved, she pulled over and onto the sidewalk in front of the house. I ran to the garage to get the air pump, and when I returned, my dad was on the curb offering help too. He saw me with the air pump, and he put its nozzle in the tire stem and started pumping. The flat tire slowly blew up, and the bicycle was as good as new. The happy rider was on her

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The other kids get in the line to get the cafeteria food, while I skip the line and open up my surprise. It's homemade spaghetti with a slice of chocolate cake for dessert in nice little containers. I gobble down the delicious spaghetti lightning fast. I open the chocolate cake container and admire it. It's soft chocolate cake covered in sugary chocolate icing with caramel drizzled over the whole slice. The slice is so big that it's nost bigger than my head! Mom really knows my favorite!

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for the field trip today?" Giggles and excitement burst from the class. "Wonderful! Let's all line up and get on the bus!" she added with a smile

The bus rumbled down the highway for an hour before we finally arrived at our destination

"Okay class, we are here. Remember that we have to stay together!

The foyer had all types of plastic animals and massive plants that I had never seen before. Then we rounded the corner, and I saw a lion! We didn't spend too long with him. He was nonpoing in the sun Boring

Next up graffes. The graffes were funny with their long necks, and they even stood taller than the fence! While they were funny looking, they were still a little dull. We looked at all types of animals before we moved on to the reptile exhibit. This is the exhibit I was most eager to see. The snakes were gigantic! They were slithering right up to the glass and sticking their tongues out at us! We even got to see one snake during Feeding time. The snakes were anything but boring

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Always Late

Henri could not make it to school on time. It seemed like every single day he was late. There was always something that Henri forgot to do or that he left behind. He would forget his lunch, sleep too late, or lose his backpack. It was always something. Yesterday, Henri's bus driver even told him that she would not turn the bus around anymore. Even if she saw him waving and running down the street

This time Henri was determined to be on time! He refused to let himself be late one more day. He made a list of all the things that made him late. Then, he brainstormed ways he could avoid these things in the morning. He had his clothes laid out, his lunch packed, his backpack packed by the door, and two alarms set. He was done being late!

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Earth. They plant an American flag in the surface, collect rock samples, take pictures, then return back to the rocket. They all climb inside, close the door, and buckle up. It's time to head back to Earth and

down slowly, then lands gently on the surface. The door opens, and all

Out of This World

The rocket ship floats freely without gravity, so the astronauts

bounce around the cabin from corner to corner. They look in awe out

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A LOOK INSIDE...(option 2)

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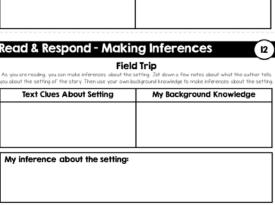
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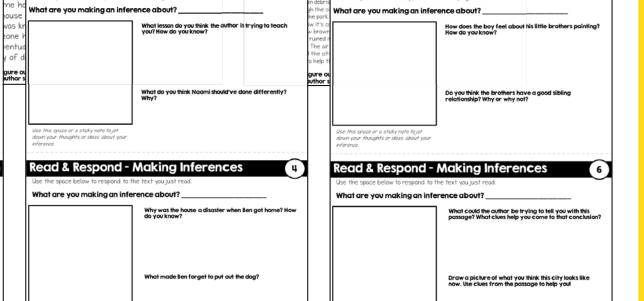
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