

# Differentiated Reading Passages

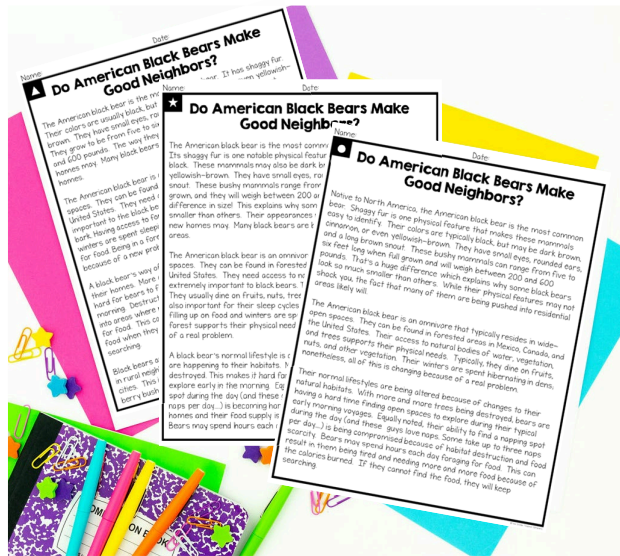
## NONFICTION TEXT STRUCTRE

Same Text, 3 Different Reading Levels



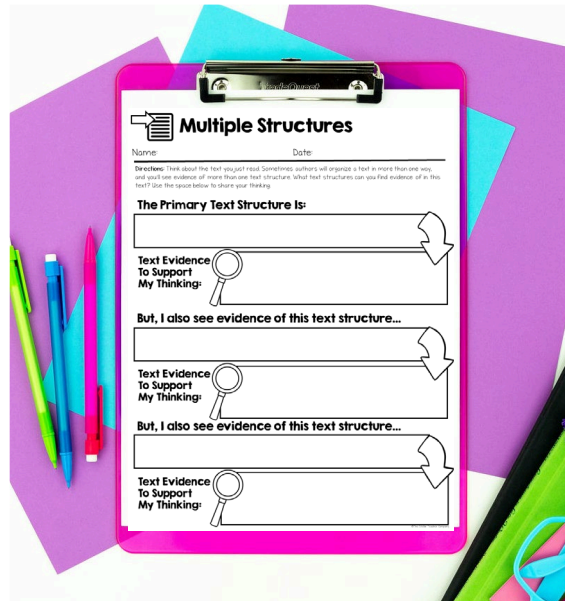
# WHAT'S INCLUDED?

This resources includes differentiated reading passages, skill-based graphic organizers, and comprehension passages based on the passages.



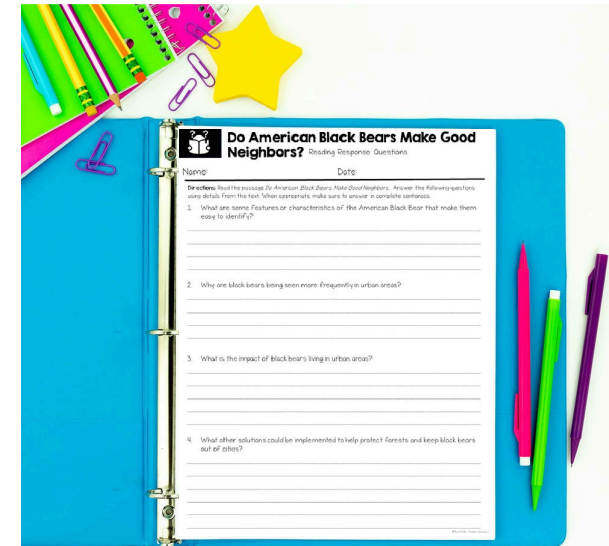
## 3 Sets of Differentiated Reading Passages

Each set includes the same text written at three different levels for a total of 9 passages.



## Graphic Organizer

Each text has a graphic organizer students can use in response to that text, OR, it can be used with any text to practice the same skill.



## Reading Response Questions

Each text also includes a set of reading response question that could be answered using any level of passages, so it doesn't matter if your students are reading level A, B, or C, the answer to the questions will still be the same.

\* Digital versions are included for all templates.\*

# EASY TO DIFFERENTIATE

Each text is written at three different levels. You can select the level that is best for your entire class, or you can let students choose the level they want to read. This makes discussing the same text whole group so much easier.



Each text is written at 3 different levels to make it easy to differentiate.

- ▲ Level A: 420L - 610L
- ★ Level B: 6:10L - 810L
- Level C: 810L - 1100L

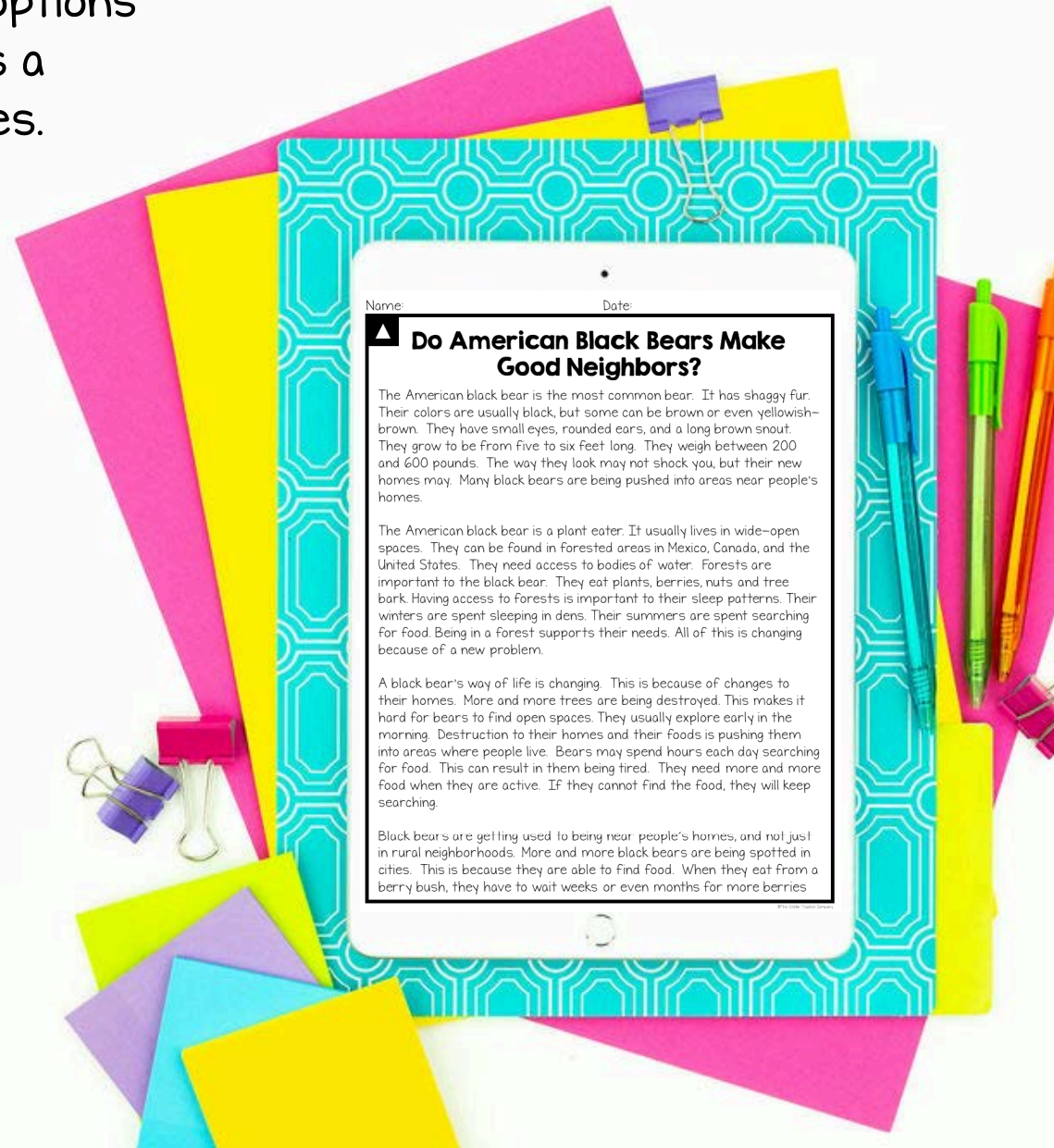
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# Includes Digital Versions

I love to provide both print and digital options in my resources. This resource includes a digital version created using Google Slides.

In addition to the print version, you get a digital version created using Google Slides for all the passages, response pages, and graphic organizers.

Rest assured, you can use this resource in both face-to-face and virtual classrooms.



# A LOOK INSIDE... TEXT #1

## Passage A - Level 420L - 610L

to grow back. Bears are learning that garbage dumpsters get refilled regularly. Having bears in cities is a problem. City bears are less active. They also weigh more than bears living in forests. People are scared about bears coming near their homes. Losing the bears in the wild could also change the forest environment. They play an important role where they live.

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### Do American Black Bears Make Good Neighbors?

The American black bear is the most common bear. It has shaggy fur. Their colors are usually black, but some can be brown or even yellowish-brown. They have small eyes, rounded ears, and a long brown snout. They grow to be from five to six feet long. They weigh between 200 and 600 pounds. The way they look may not shock you, but their new homes may. Many black bears are being pushed into areas near people's homes.

The American black bear is a plant eater. It usually lives in wide-open spaces. They can be found in forested areas in Mexico, Canada, and the United States. They need access to bodies of water. Forests are important to the black bear. They eat plants, berries, nuts and tree bark. Having access to forests is important to their sleep patterns. Their winters are spent sleeping in dens. Their summers are spent searching for food. Being in a forest supports their needs. All of this is changing because of a new problem.

A black bear's way of life is changing. This is because of changes to their homes. More and more people are building homes near where bears live. It is hard for bears to find open spaces. Destruction of forests is pushing bears into areas where people live. Bears are getting up early in the morning. Destruction of forests is pushing bears into areas where people live for food. This can result in bears being seen near people's homes. Bears are getting up early in the morning. Destruction of forests is pushing bears into areas where people live for food. This can result in bears being seen near people's homes.

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### Do American Black Bears Make Good Neighbors?

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Directions: Read the passage *Do American Black Bears Make Good Neighbors*. Answer the following questions using details from the text. When appropriate, make sure to answer in complete sentences.

1. What are some features or characteristics of the American Black Bear that make them easy to identify?  
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2. Why are black bears being seen more frequently in urban areas?  
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3. What is the impact of black bears living in urban areas?  
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4. What other solutions could be implemented to help protect forests and keep black bears out of cities?  
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## Passage B - Level 610L - 810L

in them being tired and needing more and more food because of the calories burned. If they cannot find the food, they will keep searching.

Black bears are adapting to a more urban lifestyle. More and more black bears are being sighted in cities. This is because they are able to find convenient food sources. Rather than eating from a berry bush and then having to wait weeks or even months for more berries to grow in the same area, bears are learning that garbage dumpsters get refilled very regularly. Having these bears in densely populated cities is a problem for multiple reasons. Bears are still being pushed into areas near people's homes. Bears are getting up early in the morning. Destruction of forests is pushing bears into areas where people live for food. This can result in bears being seen near people's homes.

These problems are making it harder for bears to find open spaces. Destruction of forests is pushing bears into areas where people live for food. This can result in bears being seen near people's homes.

The American black bear is an omnivore. It typically resides in wide-open spaces. They can be found in forested areas in Mexico, Canada, and the United States. They need access to natural bodies of water. Forests are extremely important to black bears. Their diet is mostly plant-based. They usually dine on fruits, nuts, tree bark, and other plants. Forest life is also important for their sleep cycles. They spend the summer months filling up on food and winters are spent hibernating in dens. Living in a city supports their physical needs, but all of this is changing because of a new problem.

A black bear's normal lifestyle is changing. This is because major changes are happening to their habitats. More and more trees are being cut down. This makes it hard for bears to find open spaces. They usually wake up early in the morning. Equally noted, their ability to find a napping spot during the day (and these guys love naps. Some take up to three hours a day...) is becoming harder and harder. Destruction of their habitats and their food supply is pushing them into areas where people live. Bears are getting up early in the morning. Destruction of forests is pushing bears into areas where people live for food. This can result in bears being seen near people's homes.

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### Do American Black Bears Make Good Neighbors?

The American black bear is the most common bear in North America. Its shaggy fur is one notable physical feature. Their colors are typically black. These mammals may also be dark brown, cinnamon, or even yellowish-brown. They have small eyes, rounded ears, and a long brown snout. These bushy mammals range from five to six feet long when grown, and they will weigh between 200 and 600 pounds. That's a huge difference in size! This explains why some black bears look so much smaller than others. Their appearances may not shock you, but their new homes may. Many black bears are being pushed into residential areas.

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## Passage C - Level 810L - 110L

Black bears are quickly adapting to a more urban lifestyle. This is a concern that can't be ignored for long. More and more black bears are being sighted in cities. This is because they are able to find readily available food. Rather than eating from a berry bush and then having to wait weeks or even months for more berries to grow in the same location, bears are learning that garbage dumpsters get refilled very regularly. Having these bears in densely populated cities is a problem for multiple reasons. Bears are still being pushed into areas near people's homes. Bears are getting up early in the morning. Destruction of forests is pushing bears into areas where people live for food. This can result in bears being seen near people's homes.

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### Do American Black Bears Make Good Neighbors?

Native to North America, the American black bear is the most common bear. Shaggy fur is one physical feature that makes these mammals easy to identify. Their colors are typically black, but may be dark brown, cinnamon, or even yellowish-brown. They have small eyes, rounded ears, and a long brown snout. These bushy mammals can range from five to six feet long when full grown and will weigh between 200 and 600 pounds. That's a huge difference in size! This explains why some black bears look so much smaller than others. While their physical features may not shock you, the fact that many of them are being pushed into residential areas likely will.

The American black bear is an omnivore that typically resides in wide-open spaces. They can be found in forested areas in Mexico, Canada, and the United States. Their access to natural bodies of water, vegetation, and trees supports their physical needs. Typically, they dine on fruits, nuts, and other vegetation. Their winters are spent hibernating in dens, nonetheless, all of this is changing because of a real problem.

### Multiple Structures

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Think about the text you just read. Sometimes authors will organize a text in more than one way, and you'll see evidence of more than one text structure. What text structures can you find evidence of in this text? Use the space below to share your thinking.

#### The Primary Text Structure Is:

\_\_\_\_\_

Text Evidence To Support My Thinking: \_\_\_\_\_

#### But, I also see evidence of this text structure...

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Text Evidence To Support My Thinking: \_\_\_\_\_

#### But, I also see evidence of this text structure...

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Text Evidence To Support My Thinking: \_\_\_\_\_

The Response Sheet and Graphic Organizer work with ALL 3 Passages!

# A LOOK INSIDE... TEXT #2

## Passage A - Level 420L - 610L

Removing the dart frog from its habitat is not good. Owners will need to take really good care of them. Poison dart frogs need rainforest conditions. This can be hard for people to try and make. These frogs are really sensitive. They do not do well in polluted areas. When the poisonous dart frogs are removed from their natural homes, they usually don't survive. The same thing can happen when their habitat gets destroyed.

It is difficult for these frogs to survive in their present environment.

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**The Poison Dart Frog: Facing Growing Threats**

The poison dart frog lives in rainforests. They can be seen in South America. These amphibians are unlike any other living thing. They have many bright colors. They can be seen throughout the tropical landscape. They may be seen on the rainforest floor. This is one place to find them. They are surrounded by green beauty. Still their colors may be spotted. Most of the poison dart frogs are diurnal. This means they are active during the day. Their activities often include searching for food. They eat ants, small insects, and leaf litter. Sadly, there are different threats to these frogs.

The poison dart frog population is dropping. There are three main threats. One of those threats is the destruction of the rain forest. Every year a huge part of the rainforest is destroyed. How does this hurt the poison dart frog? It results in a loss of their natural habitat. Over 150 acres of rainforest are lost every minute. This leaves these colorful frogs struggling to find a new home.

People aren't the only threat to the poison dart frog. They have one main animal predator. The snake is a dangerous predator. It has developed a resistance to their poison. This means the snake no longer harms them.

**The Poison Dart Frog**  
Reading Response Questions

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Read the passage *The Poison Dart Frog Facing Growing Threats*. Answer the following questions using details from the text. When appropriate, make sure to answer in complete sentences.

1. What text structure did the author use to organize this text? How do you know?

2. What are the three things mentioned in the text that are a threat to the Poison Dart Frog?
3. Which threat do you think the author considers to be most significant? Explain.
4. If you were going to write a companion text to go along with this one that used a different text structure, what would it be? What would you write about and how would you organize the ideas in your text?

## Passage B - Level 610L - 810L

red, yellow, and other colors attractive. This means more and more people are looking to collect them as pets. Known as technicolor, their colorful varieties are one of the reasons people try to sell them for thousands of dollars in some countries. This mail order business is another threat that further hurts the frog population.

What happens once the poisonous dart frog is removed from its natural habitat? These frogs are sensitive to their environment. When their homes, the rainforest, are destroyed, their population drops.

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**The Poison Dart Frog: Facing Growing Threats**

The poison dart frog lives in rainforests. A trip to Central and South America will yield sightings of these colorful amphibians. They are unlike any other animal. Bright colors lurk throughout the tropical landscape. While their habitat is not limited to the rainforest floor, this is one common place to find them. Mixed in with lush green beauty, their colors may be spotted. Most of the poison dart frogs are diurnal. This means most of their activity takes place during the daytime, and they sleep at night. Their daily adventures include searching for food and exploring the rainforest floor. They eat ants, small insects, and the forest floor's leaf litter. Sadly, there are many different threats to these beautiful amphibians.

The poison dart frog population is declining. There are three main threats that contribute to this decline. One of the biggest threats is the destruction of the rainforest. Every year a huge area of rainforest is completely leveled and destroyed. How does this impact the poison dart frog? It results in a loss of their natural habitat. Over 150 acres of rainforest are lost every minute. This destruction leaves these colorful frogs looking for a new home and struggling to survive.

In addition to the destruction of their homes, poison dart frogs have a dangerous predator. There is a single snake species that has developed a resistance to their poison. This means the poison no longer harms the snake. Many poison dart frog species are now facing a huge population size of this species.

Did you know that collecting poisonous dart frogs for pet trading is another threat? Since caring for the frogs can be hard, trapping and selling them is another threat they face. People find their blue, green, red, yellow, and other colors attractive.

## The Response Sheet and Graphic Organizer work with ALL 3 Passages!

## Passage C - Level 810L - 110L

Did you know that collecting poisonous dart frogs for pet trading is also reducing their numbers? With people finding their blue, green, red, yellow, and other colors attractive, more and more people are looking to acquire them as pets. Known as technicolor, their colorful arrays lead to them selling for thousands of dollars in some countries. This mail order business is another way to further jeopardize the frog's stability.

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**The Poison Dart Frog: Facing Growing Threats**

The poison dart frog resides in rainforests all over Central and South America. If you're lucky enough to travel to these lush locations, it is highly possible you'll spot some of these colorful amphibians. While frogs are somewhat ordinary, the poison dart frog is unlike any other animal. Vibrant and showy colors lurk throughout the tropical landscape. While their habitat isn't exclusive to the rainforest floor, this is one common place to find them. Mixed in with lush green beauty, their bright colors may be spotted. Most of the poison dart frogs are diurnal. This means most of their activity and movement takes place during the daytime, and they sleep at night. Their daily adventures include searching for food and exploring the rainforest floor. They eat ants, small insects, and the forest floor's leaf litter. Sadly, there are many different threats to these beautiful amphibians.

The poison dart frog population is in decline because of three main threats, and two of them are the direct result of human activity. Every year, humans are destroying large areas of rainforest land at an incredible rate. Over 150 acres of rainforest are lost every minute of every day, and with each acre of rainforest that is destroyed and destroyed and destroyed, poison dart frogs have a harder time finding suitable homes.

**Cause & Effect Relationships**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Think about the details of the text. The author shares a cause-and-effect relationship. In this example, there are three 'cause events' that are contributing to the effect. Use the space below to organize your thinking.

Cause Event #1	Cause Event #2	Cause Event #3

What is the effect of all these events?



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