Differentiated Reading Passages NONFICTION TEXT STRUCUTRE

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.

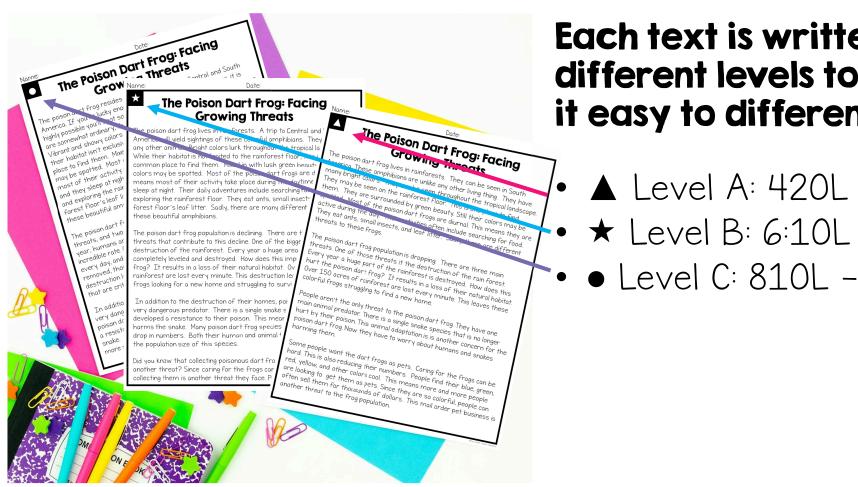


Reading Response Questions
Each text also includes a set of reading response question that could be answered using any level of passages, so it doesn't matter if your students are reading level A, B, or C, the answer to the questions will still be the same.

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

Digital versions are included for all passages and response pages.

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 faceto-face and virtual classrooms.







A LOOK INSIDE... TEXT

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

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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 yellowishbrown. 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

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

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Passage B - Level 610L-810L

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Do American Black Bears Make Good

Neighbors? Reading Response Questions

2. Why are black bears being seen more frequently in urban areas?

3. What is the impact of black bears living in urban areas'

Directions: Read the passage Do American Black Bears Make Good Neighbors. Answer the following questions

What are some features or characteristics of the American Black Bear that make them

4. What other solutions could be implemented to help protect forests and keep black bears

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

The American black bear is an amnivore. 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

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bear's normal lifestyle is changing. This is because major ch ening to their habitats. More and more trees are being ed. This makes it hard for bears to find open spaces. They u early in the morning. Equally noted, their ability to find a nap ing the day (and these guys love naps. Some take up to three day....) is becoming harder and harder. Destruction to their nd their food supply is pushing them into areas where peop ay spend hours each day searching for food. This can resul

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

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 fo

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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 which 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

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Multiple Structures

Directions: Think about the text you just read. Sometimes authors will organize a text in more than one way.

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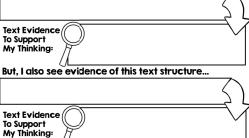
Text Evidence

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

Text Evidence/ To Support

To Support My Thinking:

Text Evidence To Support My Thinking:







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

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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 from

The poison dart frog population is dropping. There are three main threats. One of those threats it 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

The Poison Dart Frog

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

2. What are the three things mentioned in the text that are a threat to the Poison Dart Frog?

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

3. Which threat do you think the author considers to be most significant? Explain

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Passage B - Level 610L-810L

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.

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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 take 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 oking for a new home and struggling to survive.

> tion to the destruction of their homes, poison dart frogs ho ngerous predator. There is a single snake species that has ed a resistance to their poison. This means the poison no los he snake. Many poison dart frog species are now facing a h numbers. Both their human and animal threats are impacting ulation size of this species

> know that collecting poisonous dart frogs for pet trading is threat? Since caring for the frogs can be hard, trapping and them is another threat they face. People find their blue, gr

The Response Sheet and Graphic 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, vellow, 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

Cause & Effect Relationships

Directions: Think about the details of the text. The author shares a cause-and-effect relationship. In this

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A LOOK INSIDE... TEXT #3

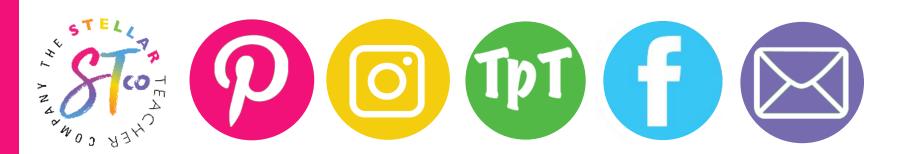
Passage C - Level 810L - 110L Passage B - Level 610L-810L Passage A - Level 420L - 610L 1. Place the strawberries in a food processor. 1/2 lb. (250 grams) frozen strawberries (halved or chopped) Put the strawherries in a food processor Add the sugar and lemon juice into the food processor 1/2 cup granulated sugar Add the sugar and lemon juice. Turn the food processor on. Puree everything until smooth. 1 tsp. teaspoon lemon juice (freshly squeezed is best) 3. Turn the food processor on Blend strawberries until smooth. Crack the eggs. Separate the egg whites. Ask for help if you Separate the egg whites. Ask for help if you do not know how 5. Discord the yellow from the eggs. Place the egg whites into \star Cooking Fun Cooking Fun Cooking Fun Do you enjoy mixing ingredients and creating taste bud tantalizing treats? Do you like to cook? Have you tried to make a tasty treat? This can Finding recipes to prepare on your own can be a fun experience. You get Finding recipes to prepare on your own can be an enjoyable experience. be a lot of fun. Putting together the different ingredients is great. Make to combine the ingredients and impress your family and friends with You get to combine the ingredients and impress your family and friends sure to follow these steps before you begin. your final culinary creation. It is important to follow the steps when 5. with your final products. It is important to follow the steps when preparing a food or beverage that you plan to serve to guests. You want making a food or beverage, so it turns out to be a memorable Here are some tips to get you started to make sure you do everything you can so it turns out great. 11. P 11 12 12. P · Ask first. Cooking, baking, or working in the kitchen requires a lot Here are some pre-preparation tips to get you started 13 Here are some pre-preparation tips to get you started of materials. You don't want to make a mess without permission 13.5 · Remember safety comes first. Make sure you have permission to cook, bake, or prepare other 8. · Since safety comes first, make sure you have permission to . Read the entire recipe before you begin food/beverage items. You don't want to make a mess without This swe cook, bake, or prepare other food/beverage items. Also, since the This delicio q · Make sure you have all the ingredients. kitchen may get a little untidy, you need to make sure your adult 10.0n · Gather everything you need. This includes bowls, spoons, Safety comes first! Read the entire recipe before you begin. This allows you to make 11. A measuring cups, etc. · Read the entire recipe before you begin, so you can be sure that · Wash your hands sure you have all the ingredients before you begin. you have all the necessary ingredients before you begin · Keep your work area clean 12. PI Gather the necessary supplies (bowls, spoons, measuring cups, 13.5 · Gather the other required supplies (bowls, spoons, measuring Now that you have a plan, read the recipe. Today's recipe will cool you Wash your hands before you start mixing ingredients · Wash your hands thoroughly before you start touching supplies down on a hot summer day. Let's take a look! Keep your workspace area clean. and mixing ingredients Maintain a tidy workspace! Strawberry Snow at you have a preparation plan, it is time to look at a delicious [mean, who doesn't like strawberries and snow? These t Cooking Fun Order of Events time to look at all the Ingredients: e to make strawherry snowl nmer favorite! This 1/2 pound frozen str vone together on 1/2 cup sugar ow together at last. 1 teaspoon lemon ju **Directions**: Read the passage *Cooking Fun*. Answer the following questions using details from the text. When appropriate, make sure to answer in complete sentences. Directions: Read the passage. Think about the most important details from the beginning, middle, and end. Jo 2 egg whites lb. (250 grams) frozen strawberries 1. What are some things you should do before you begin cooking? cup white sugar **Description of Key Events** Illustration or Sketch I hope you enjoy sp. teaspoon lemon juice BEGINNING Go back and review the list of "pre-cooking tips" the author shares. Which one do you think is most important? Evaluin The Response Description of Key Events Illustration or Sketch Sheet and MIDDLE 3. What do you do once all the ingredients are mixed together? Graphic Organizer work Description of Key Events Illustration or Sketch 4. After reviewing this recipe, do you think this is a recipe you would enjoy cooking or eating? with ALL 3 Passages!





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