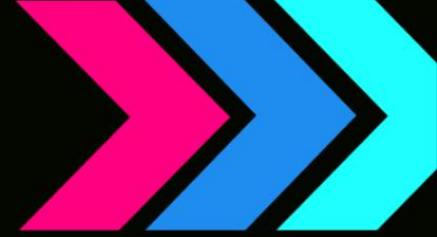


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Name: _____

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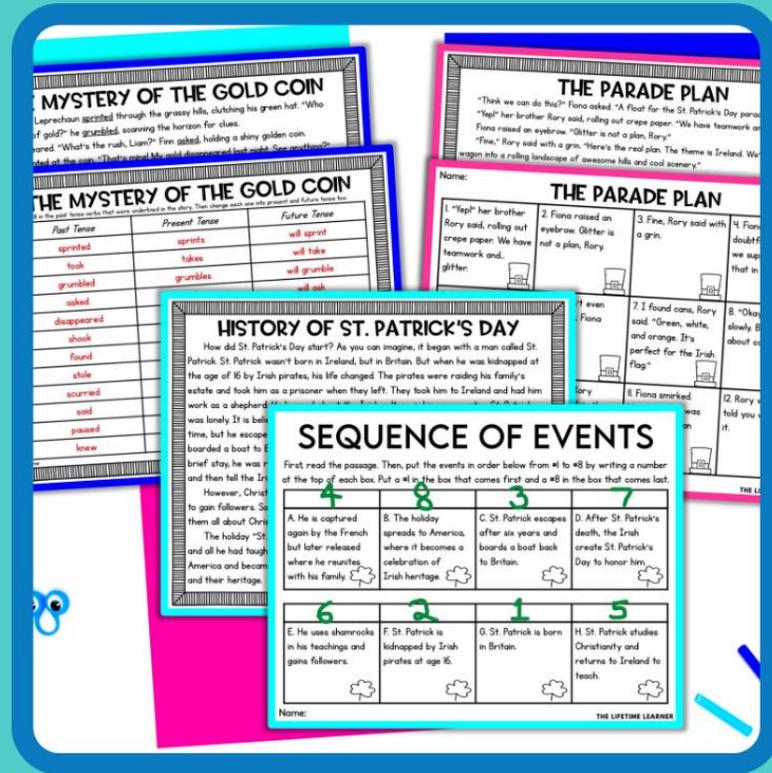
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THE CONTENT:

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Hands-On Centers

A TALE OF TWO LEPRECHAUNS

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| adventurous | energetic | outgoing | simple |
| thoughtful | reserved | bold | polished |
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No-Prep Printables

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THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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Differentiate and give your students the version best for them!

CENTER 1

Sorting Game

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Hands-On Center:

Students sort each card onto the correct mat.



MAIN IDEA SORT

Color the details that go with each main idea the correct color.

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CENTER 2

Fill in the Chart

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The squirrel paused and tilted its head, then darted away, leaving the boys and Finn gathered the treasure into the pot. "Thanks, Finn," Liam said, smiling. "That's what friends are for."

From that day on, Liam guarded his gold with extra care, and Finn added acorns to the stash. But Liam knew one thing for sure: true friends are like Finn.

THE MYSTERY OF THE GOLD COIN

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Hands-On Center:

Students fill in the chart using what they learned in the text.



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5

Place the Quotation Marks

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Fiona raised an eyebrow. Glitter is not a plan, Rory.

Fine, Rory said with a grin.

Fiona looked doubtful. And how are we supposed to make that in two days?

Hands-On Center:

Students put quotation marks where they belong in each sentence.



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CENTER

6

Color by Code

IRELAND VS AMERICA

Have you ever wondered what it's like to live in another country? Imagine Ireland, famous for its shamrocks, hills, and harps. Life in Ireland is different from America, but there are also some similarities. Let's see what makes each country unique.

Ireland has a wetter climate than America. Summer temperatures average 60°F in Ireland compared to 75°F in America. With 50-250 rainy days a year, Ireland's scenery has nicknamed it "Emerald Isle." Americans like sunny BBQs, and the Irish like rainy days.

School life in Ireland is similar to America. Kids attend school for the same number of hours. However, in Ireland, the first 6 years are called "primary school" and the next six are "secondary school." Instead of A-F grades, Irish students are graded on an HI-H8 scale.

Life in Ireland is active and family-oriented, much like in America. Kids play with friends and spend time with family. About 60% of the Irish own pets, compared to 70% in America.

Irish food is quite different from American cuisine. Popular dishes include Irish stew, coddle (potatoes, sausage, and bacon), colcannon (mashed potatoes and cabbage), and boxty (potato pancakes). American food features flavors from around the world.

St. Patrick's Day, a famous holiday from Ireland, is celebrated in both places. In Ireland, in America, the holiday is marked with parades and parties. Would you prefer Ireland's green scenery or America's sunny summers? There's no right answer!

1. Color the answer red.

What are the names of the two school levels in Ireland?

2. Color the answer light blue.

What percentage of Irish households own pets?

4. Color the answer yellow.

Hands-On Center:

Students use the coloring task card questions to color in answers in the text.



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CENTER 7

Cut and Paste

OF TWO LEPRECHAUNS

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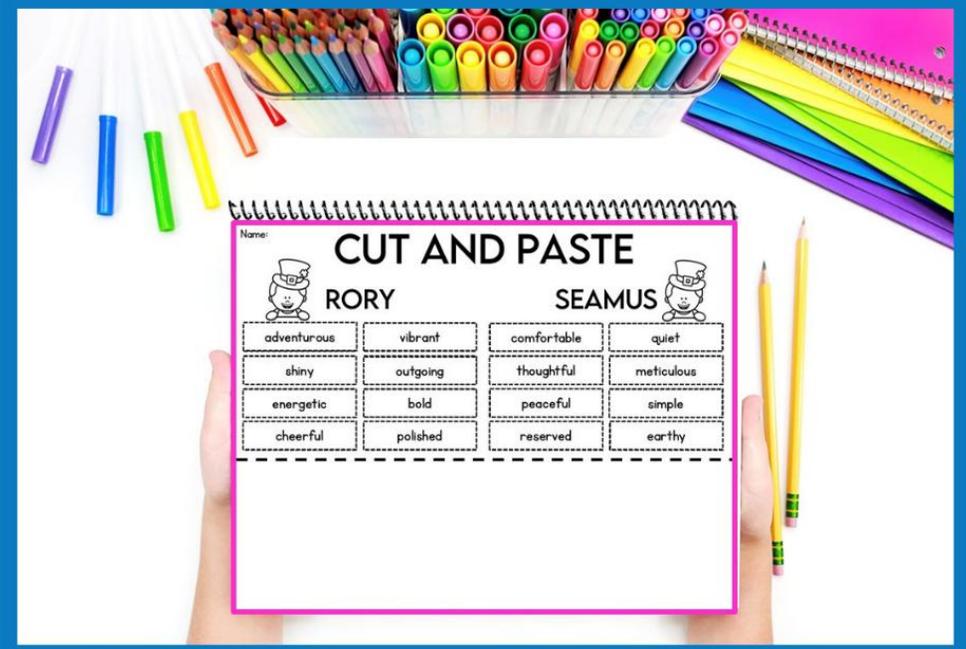
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Hands-On Center:

Cut and paste each box where it belongs.



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CENTER 8

Task Cards

1. Maggie always been down on her **luck**. At least she thought. She found an old coin in the park engraved with the words, "Luck favors the kind." She decided to test it out by helping her neighbors with small favors. To her surprise, her "luck" started to change. By the end of the month, Maggie realized she'd had a fortune of good deeds returned to her.

2. Find the synonym! In Shamrock Glen, there was a rumor about a treasure buried long ago by a leprechaun. Only Maeve dared to follow the map. As she crossed a creek and climbed a hill, she discovered a tree with a hollow trunk. Inside, she found a pot filled with gold coins. Maeve loved her discovery and ran back to town to tell her friends what she had located.

3. Find the synonym! In Emerald Hollow, everything sparkled green on St. Patrick's Day. But this year, the mayor declared the town's famous emerald stone missing. Fiona couldn't resist solving the mystery. Following a trail of green glitter, she found the emerald tucked in the leprechaun parade float. Fiona returned it to its rightful place. She was happy again.

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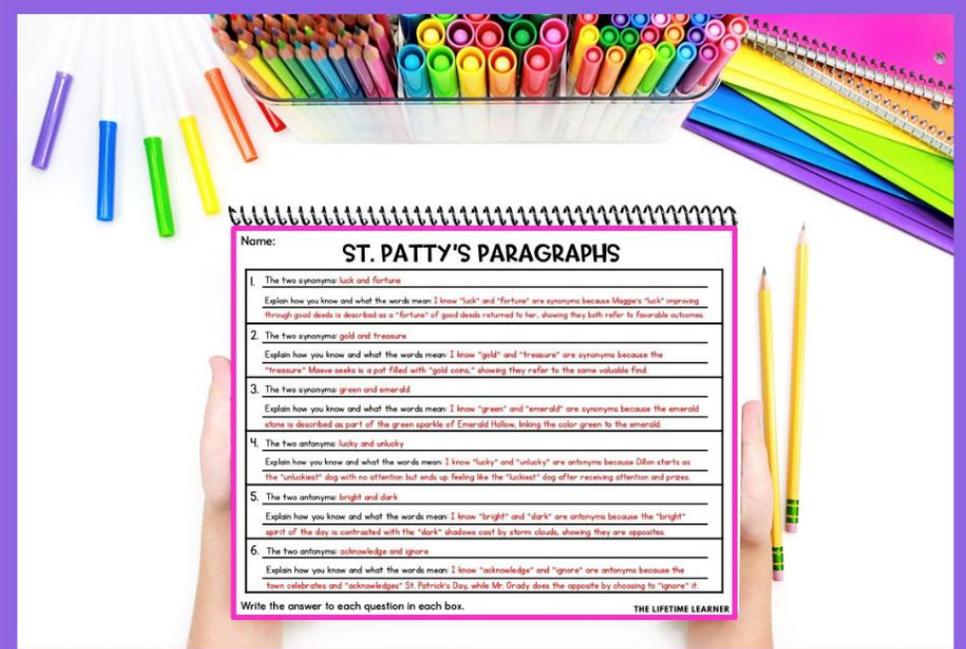
ST. PATTY'S PARAGRAPHS

- The two synonyms: **luck and fortune**
Explain how you know and what the words mean: I know "luck" and "fortune" are synonyms because Maggie's luck improving through good deeds is described as a "fortune" of good deeds returned to her, showing they both refer to favorable outcomes.
- The two synonyms: _____
Explain how you know and what the words mean: _____
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Write the answer to each question in each box. THE LIFETIME LEARNER

Hands-On Center:

Students read each task card and write a response.



No Prep Printable Worksheet!

CENTER

9

Sequencing Puzzles

HISTORY OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY
 How did St. Patrick's Day start? As you can imagine, it began with a man called St. Patrick. Patrick wasn't born in Ireland, but in Britain. But when he was kidnapped at the age of 16 by Irish pirates, his life changed. The pirates were raising his family's estate and took him as a prisoner to work as a shepherd. He learned about the land and the people, but he was lonely. It is believed he became a Christian while he was there. One time, he escaped the pirates and boarded a boat to Britain. Unfortunately, a storm blew the boat back to Ireland. When he returned, he was reunited with his family and then told the Irish people about Christianity. However, Christianity wasn't widely accepted at the time. It took many years to gain followers. Soon, he was baptizing them all about Christianity. St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. The holiday "St. Patrick's Day" is celebrated in Ireland and all over the world. It is a day where people wear green and celebrate their Irish heritage.

HISTORY PUZZLE MAT
 Place the puzzle pieces in order here on the mat.

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| Event 1 G. St. Patrick is born in Britain. | Event 2 F. St. Patrick is kidnapped by Irish pirates at age 16. | Event 3 C. St. Patrick escapes after six years and boards a boat back to Britain. | Event 4 |
| Event 5 | Event 6 | Event 7 | Event 8 |

A. He is captured again by the French but later released where he reunites with his family.

B. The holiday spreads to America, where it becomes a celebration of Irish heritage.

D. After St. Patrick's death, the Irish create St. Patrick's Day to honor him.

Hands-On Center:

Students put the puzzle pieces in chronological order.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS
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| 6 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| E. He uses shamrocks in his teachings and gains followers. | F. St. Patrick is kidnapped by Irish pirates at age 16. | G. St. Patrick is born in Britain. | H. St. Patrick studies Christianity and returns to Ireland to teach. |

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CENTER

10

Fill in the Blank

ST. PATRICK'S DAY TREASURE HUNT
 "Owen, are you sure this is the right map?" Isla asked, jogging behind him as he ran through the park. "It looks like something you drew in art class."
 "It's real!" Owen insisted. "Mrs. McGrady said there's a prize at the end. I'm not going to let anyone else find it first." Isla asked what the first clue said.
 "It says, 'Look under the tallest tree,'" Owen read aloud, pointing toward the oak in the middle of the field. "That has to be it!"
 The two scrambled around the tree's roots, brushing away leaves and dirt.
 "Found something!" Isla exclaimed, holding up a shiny green coin. She turned it over to read the tiny engraving. "The next clue is inside of something golden."
 Owen's eyes lit up. "Golden? That's easy. The statue near the playground!"
 Isla groaned. "Can we slow down for, like, two seconds? I'm not a leprechaun, Owen."
 "Fine," Owen said, grinning, "but you can't blame me if someone else gets there first."
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WORD BANK:
 Use the word bank to fill in the missing words from the passage.

- under
- near
- in
- behind
- inside
- between
- toward
- around
- through

Hands-On Center:

Students read the passage and use words from the word bank to fill in the blanks as they read.

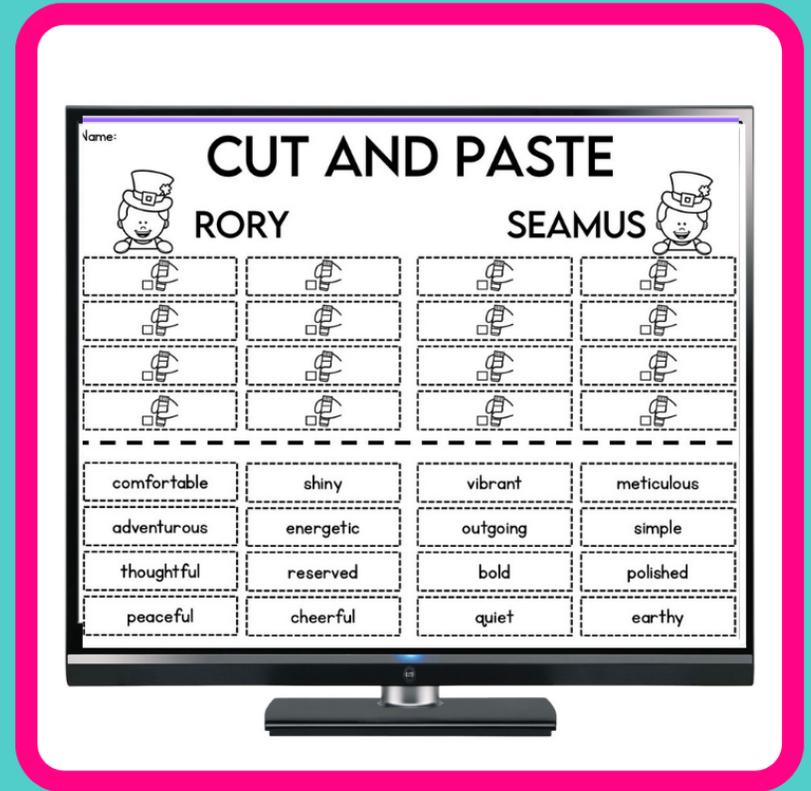
ST. PATRICK'S DAY TREASURE HUNT
 "Owen, are you sure this is the right map?" Isla asked, jogging behind him as he ran through the park. "It looks like something you drew in art class."
 "It's real!" Owen insisted. "Mrs. McGrady said there's a prize at the end. I'm not going to let anyone else find it first." Isla asked what the first clue said.
 "It says, 'Look under the tallest tree,'" Owen read aloud, pointing toward the oak in the middle of the field. "That has to be it!"
 The two scrambled around the tree's roots, brushing away leaves and dirt.
 "Found something!" Isla exclaimed, holding up a shiny green coin. She turned it over to read the tiny engraving. "The next clue is inside of something golden."
 Owen's eyes lit up. "Golden? That's easy. The statue near the playground!"
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SHAMROCKS VS FOUR LEAF CLOVERS

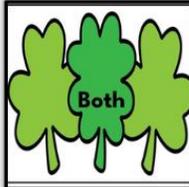
Four-leaf clovers are often confused because they look similar and with St. Patrick's Day. However, they have unique histories and they are both from Ireland!).

Shamrocks, in the Irish word *seamróg* meaning "little clover," have three leaves in their heritage. The three leaves represent faith, hope, and love. Saint Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity. It became a symbol of Ireland, and coats of arms. Shamrocks are very common in Ireland and easy to find all over the place in this wonderful country.

Four-leaf clovers, on the other hand, are rare. There are only 1 in 10,000 clovers that have four leaves in Ireland. Each leaf represents faith, hope, love, and luck. They are a symbol of superstition and fortune. Legends claim they can grant the power to wish for magical powers. Their reputation makes them a prized find for locals. When you find one, you are known to have found luck for yourself.

In all references, both shamrocks and four-leaf clovers are a part of Irish culture as a symbol of positivity and good luck. Whether you prefer the traditional shamrock or the rare four-leaf clover, both have a rich history to enjoy.

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|  Shamrocks |  Four Leaf Clovers |  Both |
| Appears on coins, coats of arms, and other symbols of Ireland. D.  | Associated with superstition and magical powers, like seeing fairies. A.  | Both are green and come from the same plant species. B.  |
| The three leaves represent faith, hope, and love. F.  | | Both represent luck and positivity. E.  |

What Skills are Included?

Reading Skills:

- Text Evidence
- Inferencing
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- Character Traits
- Context Clues
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IRELAND VS AMERICA

Have you ever wondered what it's like to live in another country? Imagine Ireland, famous for its shamrocks, hills, and harps. Life in Ireland is different from America, but there are also some similarities. Let's see what makes each country unique.

Ireland has a wetter climate than America. Summer temperatures average 60°F in

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| 1. How does American food differ from Irish food, according to the text? | 2. What are the names of the two school levels in Ireland? | 3. What is a common way Americans celebrate St. Patrick's Day? | 4. What percentage of Irish households own pets? |
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THE PARADE PLAN

"Think we can do this?" Fiona asked. "A float for the St. Patrick's Day parade is a big deal!"

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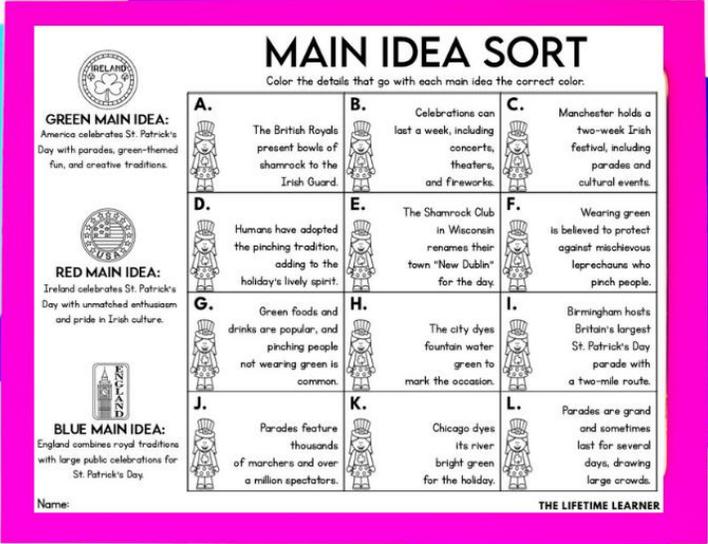
"Fine," Rory said with a grin. "Here's the real plan. The theme is Ireland. We'll turn Dad's wagon into a rolling landscape of awesome hills and cool scenery."

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| 9. Fiona grinned. I like it. And I've got an  | 10. Liam?! Rory groaned. "He's the  | 11. Fiona smirked. Maybe glitter was  | 12. Rory whispered, I told you we could do  |

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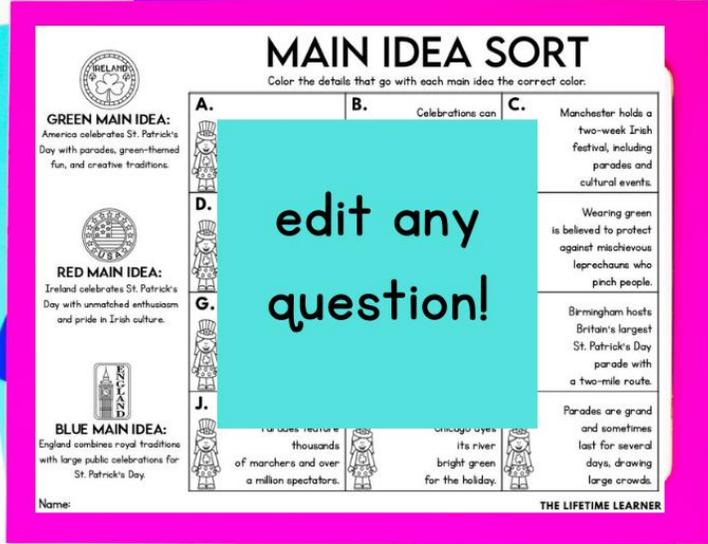
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| D. Humans have adapted the pinching tradition, adding to the holiday's lively spirit. | E. The Shamrock Club in Wisconsin renames their town "New Dublin" for the day. | F. Wearing green is believed to protect against mischievous leprechauns who pinch people. |
| G. Green foods and drinks are popular, and pinching people not wearing green is common. | H. The city dyes fountain water green to mark the occasion. | I. Birmingham hosts Britain's largest St. Patrick's Day parade with a two-mile route. |
| J. Parades feature thousands of marchers and over a million spectators. | K. Chicago dyes its river bright green for the holiday. | L. Parades are grand and sometimes last for several days, drawing large crowds. |

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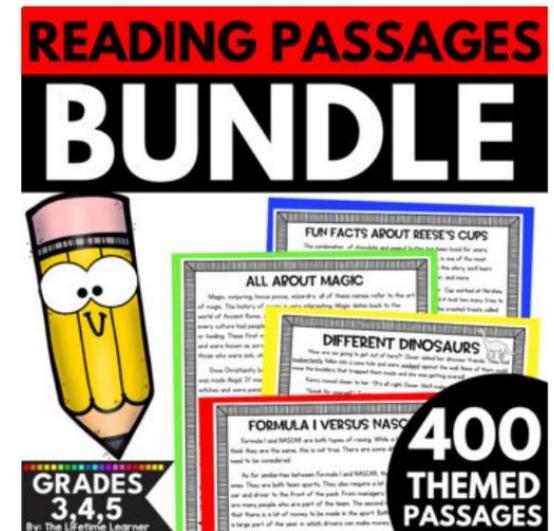
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