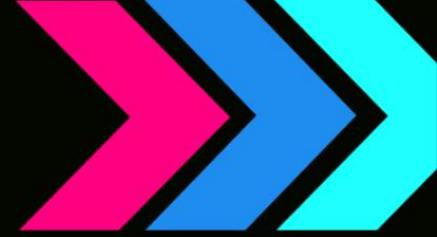


# MAKE LEARNING FUN!



## 10 high-interest passages & activities themed to make learning engaging!

**THE HISTORY OF NASCAR**  
The history of NASCAR is fascinating. Before 1947, stock car races were held on beaches and streets, where anyone could watch. There were no racecar stadiums, and races were held randomly. NASCAR was formed in Daytona Beach in 1947, led by Bill France Sr. The first race was in 1948, laying the foundation for what would become a global hit.

**THE HISTORY OF NASCAR**  
First, read the passage. Then, put the steps in order below from #1 to #10 by writing a number at the top of each box. Put a #1 in the box that comes first and a #10 in the box that comes last.

4	9	2	7	1
A. The Daytona International Speedway opened, providing a dedicated space for major races.	B. The Truck Series became the Camping World Truck Series, with Camping World replacing Craftsman as the sponsor.	C. NASCAR was officially formed in Daytona Beach, led by Bill France Sr.	D. The Daytona 500 became the first fully televised race.	E. Stock car races were held on beaches and streets, with no dedicated stadiums or tracks.
F. NASCAR partnered with major brands like Coca-Cola and GEICO as Premier Partners.	G. ABC began televising NASCAR races, bringing the sport to a nationwide audience.			

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

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

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5. A super-exciting and happy feeling.	H	6. A super-exciting and happy feeling.	F

Choose a letter that goes in each blank.

A. choreographed F. exhilaration  
B. tirelessly G. athletic  
C. comfortable H. expertise  
D. exhilarating I. rigorously

THE LIFETIME LEARNER

**RACE TO THE FINISH LINE**  
Passage 1  
How badly I want to win this race! Andretti is a strong competitor, but I refuse to give up. The wind is constantly pushing against my car. I've witnessed crash after crash out here today. Andretti is rolling, but I'm not far behind. With the help of my amazing pit crew, I'm determined to win. With just 10 laps to go, Andretti is still leading me right on my tail. I'm losing the victory! Winning this race is my dream. I've won the racing tradition of my family.

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

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**PASSAGE 1**  
 red

**PASSAGE 2**  
 yellow

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Color each sentence the same color as the passage it goes with.

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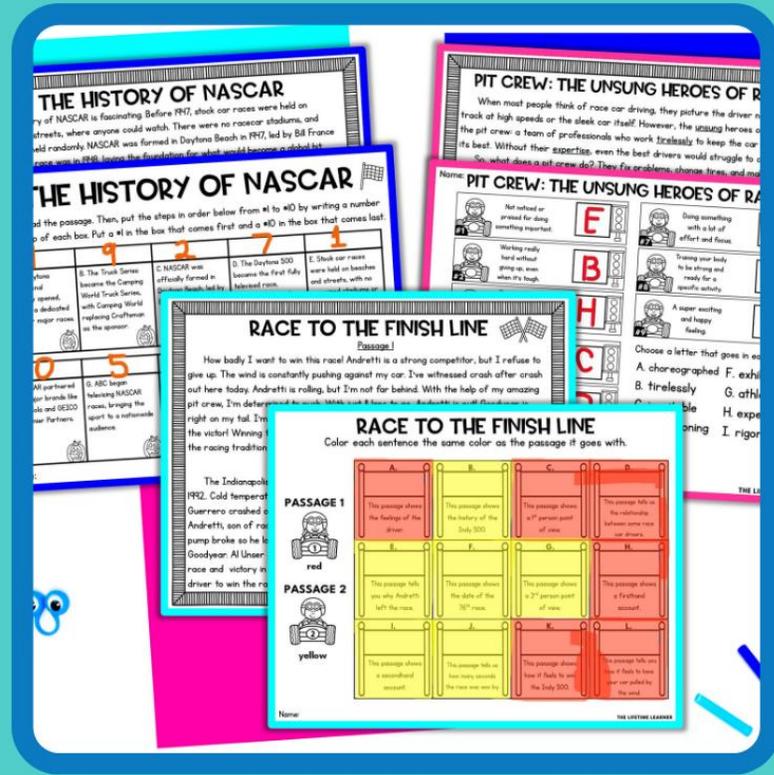
- for classroom transformations
- during your ELA block
- as partner/small group activities
- skill practice
- as assessments
- for test prep
- remediation
- enrichment
- themed days
- fast finisher activity
- and more!

# WHAT'S AN ADD-ON PACK?

You can use this resource two ways:



Use the reading passages to supplement your Race Car Room Transformation



OR use these reading passages for students to enjoy during your ELA block on a regular day

**You don't have to do a room transformation to use this resource. These 10 passages are no-prep and print & go. Use them anytime during your ELA block!**

# THE CONTENT:

## 10 high-interest passages & activities in 2 formats: hands-on & no prep!

### Hands-On Centers

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Passage 2



B.

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### No-Prep Printables

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PASSAGE 1  
  
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PASSAGE 2  
  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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With this version, students read the passage. Then, they complete a hands-on center you can laminate and re-use for years to come!

Or in this version, students read the passage. Then, they complete the activity in worksheet form. This version is NO PREP and PRINT & GO! Just as much fun as the hands-on centers!

# 2 Versions of Every Passage Included for Students

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So what exactly is the pit crew responsible for? A pit crew is a team of people who help race cars during a race. They fix problems, change tires, and make sure the car is ready to keep going as fast as possible. When a race car breaks down, the pit crew runs in to fix the issue as quickly as possible because every second counts in a race!

With races involving high speeds and dozens of laps, wear and tear on the cars is inevitable. A tire can pop, or mechanical adjustments may be needed. The pit crew must be ready at a moment's notice. These skilled workers operate under intense pressure, knowing that the smallest fraction of a second can determine whether their team wins or loses.

Surprisingly, being part of a pit crew isn't just about technical know-how. It requires incredible athletic ability too. Teams don't hire traditional mechanics. Instead, they look for athletes who can handle the physical demands of the job. A pit stop involves more than just changing tires; it's a choreographed performance where every movement counts. The crew trains rigorously, watching videos of past races to analyze their performance and identify areas for improvement. They practice a lot, repeating their tasks over and over to perfect their speed and accuracy.

The pit crew doesn't just prepare on the track. They hit the gym too. Conditioning their bodies is important to meet the demands of the job. Agility, speed, and strength are all critical, and cross-training helps prevent injuries. Whether it's lifting heavy tires or moving rapidly around the car, every action requires great focus.

While race car drivers may steal the spotlight, the pit crew's dedication and hard work are the backbone of every successful race. These men and women make sure the car is at peak performance and play a vital role in their team's victories. Without them, the thrill and exhilaration of racing wouldn't be possible.



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## TOP RACERS

The world has seen many top-quality race car drivers, inspiring young racers with their incredible achievements. Among these, three stand out as the greatest of all time.

In third place is Dale Earnhardt, nicknamed "The Intimidator." Known for his fearless driving style, he won 76 Winston Cup Races, including the Daytona 500 in 1998. Dale won 7 NASCAR Championships, tying him with Richard Petty. Though some found him reckless, his talent was huge. Earnhardt died in a crash at Daytona Speedway, but his legacy lives on.

Second is German driver Michael Schumacher, regarded as the most successful Formula One (F1) racer. A seven-time Formula One World Champion, Schumacher finished in the top three of every race during the 2002 season: a feat unmatched in F1 history. Sadly, a skiing accident in 2003 left him paralyzed, ending his career.

At the top is Mario Andretti, an Italian-American legend whose name is well-known. Andretti is one of only two drivers to win in Formula One, IndyCar, NASCAR, and the World Sportsscar Championship. His adaptability earned him the title of United States Driver of the Year in three separate decades, a unique accomplishment. Andretti's ability to compete and

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The third-best driver of all time, Dale Earnhardt, was famously nicknamed "The Intimidator." Known for his fearless driving style, Earnhardt won 76 Winston Cup Races, including the Daytona 500 in 1998. His determination on the track earned him 7 NASCAR Winston Cup Championships, tying him for first place with Richard Petty. Although some considered him reckless, his talent made him a big figure in NASCAR. Tragically, Earnhardt lost his life in a crash at Daytona Speedway in 2001. But his legacy continues in the NASCAR Hall of Fame and in the hearts of his fans.

The second-best driver goes to German Michael Schumacher. He is regarded as the most successful Formula One (F1) racer. Schumacher was a seven-time Formula One World Champion, breaking numerous records throughout his career. In 2002, he made history as the only F1 driver to finish in the top three of every race in a single season.

**Differentiate and give your students the version best for them!**

# CENTER 1

## Multiple Choice

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

**MULTIPLE CHOICE**

1. <b>C</b>	2. <b>A</b>	3. <b>C</b>	4.
5.	6.	7.	8.
9.	10.	11.	12.

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What is the text structure of the second paragraph?

- A. sequence
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1.



What is the meaning of the word "reckless" as used in the text?

- A. without care or caution
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- C. focused on winning
- D. full of energy

2.



**Hands-On Center:**

Students choose A, B, C, or D on each card.

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

**MULTIPLE CHOICE**

- What is the text structure of the second paragraph?
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  - B. compare and contrast
  - C. description
  - D. problem and solution
- Which is NOT a supporting detail for Michael Schumacher's paragraph?
  - A. He set the record for fastest lap time in Daytona Speedway.
  - B. He won seven Formula One World Championships.
  - C. He finished in the top three of every race during the 2002 season.
  - D. His career ended after a racing accident in 2003.
- In which sentence is the word "legends" used correctly?
  - A. Dale Earnhardt's legacy was his reckless behavior on the track.
  - B. Michael Schumacher's legacy was winning one race.
  - C. Mario Andretti's legacy includes setting records in multiple racing categories.
  - D. Legacy refers to the number of races won during a single season.
- What does "reckless" mean in the context of Mario Andretti?
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  - C. focused on winning
  - D. full of energy
- Which fact is NOT mentioned in the passage?
  - A. Dale Earnhardt was nicknamed "The Intimidator."
  - B. Mario Andretti is the only driver to win three NASCAR championships.
  - C. Michael Schumacher broke an F1 record in 2002.
  - D. Andretti was named United States Driver of the Year in three decades.
- Which is NOT an accomplishment mentioned in the text?
  - A. Dale Earnhardt's 7 NASCAR Championships.
  - B. Michael Schumacher's unmatched 2002 season.
  - C. Mario Andretti winning the United States Driver of the Year three times.
  - D. Dale Earnhardt becoming a Formula One World Champion.

Write A, B, C, or D in each box.

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# CENTER 2

## Puzzles

### UNSUNG HEROES OF RACING

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#1	Not noticed or praised for doing something important.	<b>E.</b>	unsung	
#2	Working really hard without giving up, even when it's tough.	<b>B.</b>	tirelessly	
#3	Knowing a lot about something and being really good at it.	<b>H.</b>	expertise	

**Hands-On Center:**

Students put each 2-piece puzzle together.

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

**PIT CREW: THE UNSUNG HEROES OF RACING**

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#4	Something that is sure to happen and can't be avoided.	<b>C.</b>		Choose a letter that goes in each blank.			
#5	Being strong, fast, and good at physical activities.	<b>G.</b>		A. choreographed	F. exhilaration		
#6	Carefully planned and practiced over and over again.	<b>A.</b>		B. tirelessly	G. athletic		
				C. inevitable	H. expertise		
				D. conditioning	I. rigorously		
				E. unsung			

Write the correct letter in each box.

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# CENTER 3

## Compare & Contrast

### FORMULA 1 VERSUS NASCAR

Both are both exciting types of racing, but they have many things that set them apart. Let's take a closer look at both to understand what makes them different.

Formula 1, with managers, mechanics, engineers, and pit crews working together to make their driver succeed. Their cars and racing styles are very different. Formula 1 cars are built from the ground up, designed to be faster, reaching speeds over 210 miles per hour and taking corners easily. NASCAR cars are slower but designed for drivers to handle in a competition and easier handling in tighter spaces.

One of the main differences between the two sports is the money involved. Both have long histories, but Formula 1 has more opportunities for drivers to earn big payoffs through sponsorships and winnings. However, Formula 1 cars are much more expensive due to the advanced technology used to make them some of the most advanced vehicles in the world.

Despite the differences, both sports bring their own unique thrills. The speed of Formula 1 or the close battles of NASCAR, there is something for every fan.



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Can reach speeds of over 210 miles per hour. E. 	Look more like regular vehicles. B. 	Drivers and teams earn money through sponsorships and winnings. A. 
Cars are much more expensive to build. G. 		Provide unique thrills and excitement for fans. D. 

### Hands-On Center:

Students sort the details where they belong by comparing and contrasting.

### FORMULA 1 VERSUS NASCAR: RECORDING SHEET

Read each letter and decide where it belongs. Write each letter where it belongs in the diagram.



Drivers and teams earn money through sponsorships and winnings. A. 	Look more like regular vehicles. B. 	Slower speeds compared to the other type of race cars. C. 	Provide unique thrills and excitement for fans. D. 
Can reach speeds of over 210 miles per hour. E. 	Rely on teamwork, including managers, mechanics, engineers, and pit crews. F. 	Cars are much more expensive to build. G. 	Cars are built from the ground up, designed only for racing. H. 
Stock cars with full bodies, bumpers, and fenders. I. 	Have long seasons with multiple opportunities for competition. J. 	Designed for close competition and easier handling in tight spaces. K. 	Advanced technology helps with going around corners at high speeds. L. 

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

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# CENTER 4

## Sorting Game

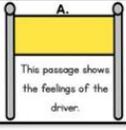
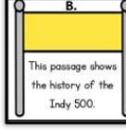
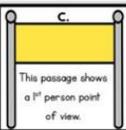
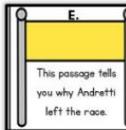
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### Hands-On Center:

Students sort each card onto the correct mat.

### RACE TO THE FINISH LINE

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

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# CENTER 5

## Sentences Mixed Up

Name: **HARRIS "HURLEY" HAYWOOD**

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Unscramble the words and write them in the correct order on the lines to finish each sentence.

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**Hands-On Center:** Students unscramble the words and write the sentence.

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# CENTER 6

## Color by Code

Name: **DANICA PATRICK**

Although most race car drivers are men, Danica Patrick shattered the gender barrier and set remarkable records in her racing career. Her journey began at ten when her parents bought her a go-kart. Racing became a family activity, with her parents traveling long distances for competitions. Patrick's determination showed as she spent countless hours practicing. By her teens, she was dreaming of the big leagues, winning titles across the U.S., and competing internationally by age 16.

2005 was a breakthrough year for Patrick. She became the first woman to lead a race in laps in a row in the Indianapolis 500, and finished in 4th place. This was impressive because she finished as one of the top five racers. That same year, she made history as the first woman to win a major open-wheel race in a North American series, taking first place at the IndyCar Series Indy Japan 300.

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Color the answer red.

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# CENTER 7

## Task Cards

Racing cars is thrilling but comes with the risk of accidents due to high speeds, sharp turns, and competition. To address this, race organizers have strict safety measures. Cars have roll cages and crumple zones for crash protection. Tracks feature barriers and runoff areas to prevent accidents. These improvements allow drivers to race with greater confidence and fewer injuries.

Problem and Solution

Racing a race car is a thrilling mix of speed, precision, and skill. The sleek car is built for high speeds, with a cockpit featuring a sturdy steering wheel, necessary controls, and a bucket seat with a five-point harness. The engine roars as the car accelerates. The tires grip the track through sharp turns and straightaways. Every move, from braking quickly to shifting gears smoothly, needs to be exact. This creates a pounding experience for drivers and the audience.

Description

The physical and mental demands of racing directly affect all drivers' performance. High speeds and constant turns create intense G-forces. This tires the racers' bodies quickly, which is why physical fitness is so important. Mentally, the pressure is difficult, as one mistake can cause a crash or loss of position. This forces drivers to develop sharp reflexes and stay calm under stress. They are always trying to improve their skills.

Cause and Effect

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

### RACING PARAGRAPHS

1. Text Structure Used: **Problem and solution**  
 Hints From the Text to Show Proof: **This is a problem and solution passage because it shows the problem of racing being dangerous and the solution of using safety rules and gear to protect drivers.**

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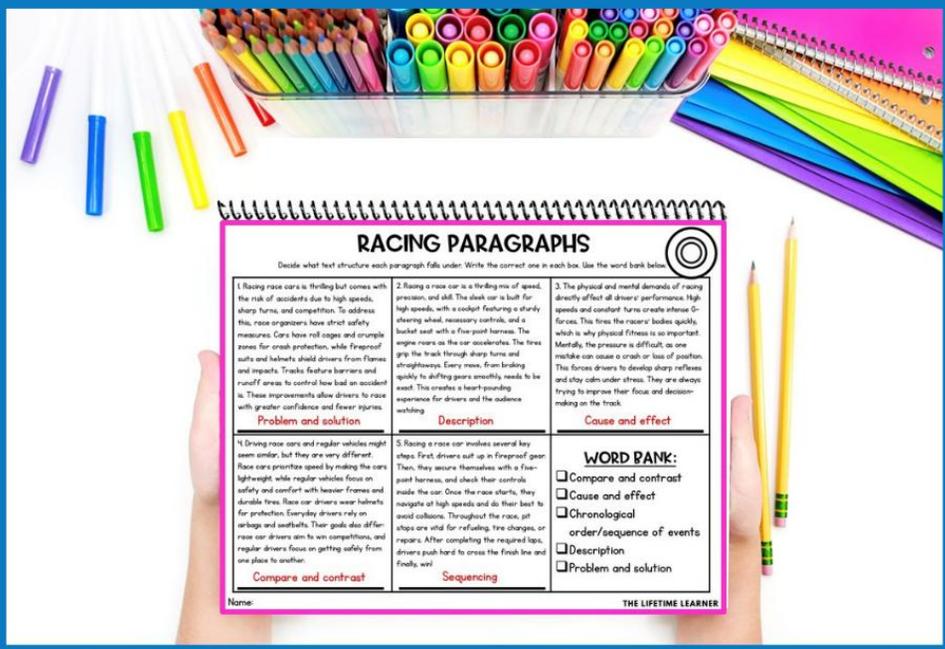
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Write the type of text structure used in each box and any clues that helped you figure it out.

### Hands-On Center:

Students read each task card and write a response.



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## Write a Sentence

### WHAT IS THE DAYTONA 500?

Racing fans, few events rival the Daytona 500. Held yearly in Daytona Beach, Florida, it attracts millions of viewers worldwide. It is always the beginning of the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series. Originally run on the Daytona International Speedway, it is today, with the Daytona International Speedway, the most exciting race in the sport. Each year, the winner receives the Harley J. Earl Trophy, and the pit crew chief earns the Cannonball Trophy for their role as well. Race fans love the Daytona 500 because it is a tough test of skill, endurance, and strategy. Nicknamed "The Great American Race" or "The Super Bowl of Stock Car Racing," the Daytona 500 begins the NASCAR season. Unlike other races, it is held on a short track. At the end of the race, the event offers drivers a special award. Legendary racers have left their mark on the track. "The King" holds the record with seven wins, followed by Dale Jarrett, Bobby Allison, and Jeff Gordon with five wins each. The Daytona 500 is more than a race; it is an experience. The roar of engines, the atmosphere, and the excitement for fans. The Daytona 500 remains the most exciting event in the sport.

1. What are the two trophies awarded at the Daytona 500, and who receives them?  
 The winner receives the Harley J. Earl Trophy, and the pit crew chief earns the Cannonball Trophy.  
 Write the answer on your recording sheet.

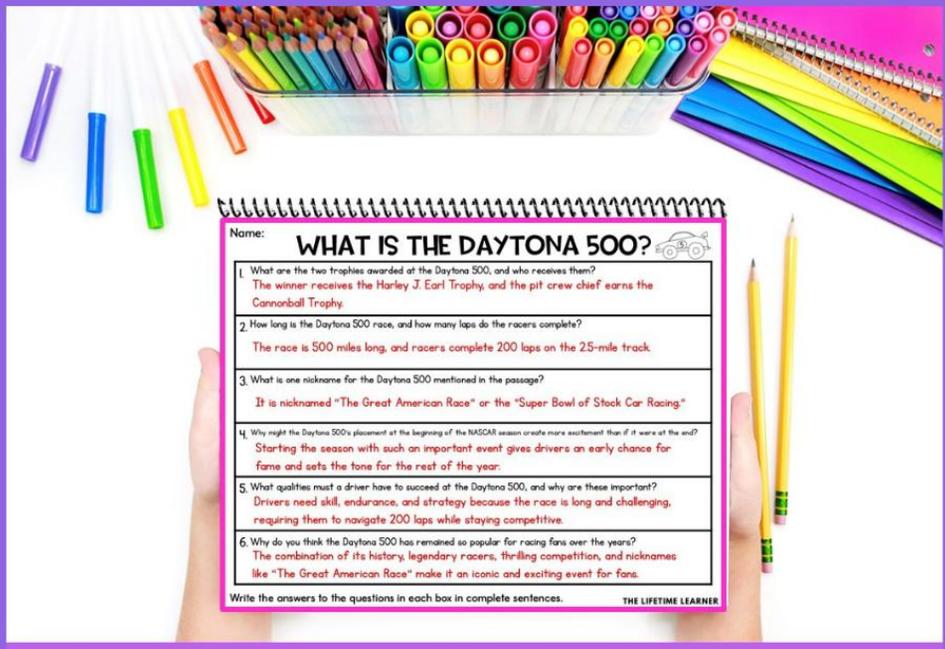
2. How long is the Daytona 500 race, and how many laps do the racers complete?  
 The race is 500 miles long, and racers complete 200 laps on the 2.5-mile track.  
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3. What is one nickname for the Daytona 500 mentioned in the passage?  
 It is nicknamed "The Great American Race" or the "Super Bowl of Stock Car Racing".  
 Write the answer on your recording sheet.

4. Why might the Daytona 500's placement at the beginning of the NASCAR season create more excitement than if it were at the end?  
 Starting the season with such an important event gives drivers an early chance for fame and sets the tone for the rest of the year.  
 Write the answer on your recording sheet.

### Hands-On Center:

Students write the answer to each prompt on the lines.



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# 9

## Sequencing Puzzles

**THE HISTORY OF NASCAR**

NASCAR is fascinating. Before 1917, stock car races were held on streets, where anyone could watch. There were no racetrack stadiums, and races were held randomly. NASCAR was formed in Daytona Beach in 1917, led by Bill France Sr. The first race was in 1918, laying the foundation for the sport.

In 1959, the Daytona International Speedway opened, providing a dedicated space for major races. This allowed a nationwide audience to watch. Leadership passed to Bill France Jr. in 1971. The Daytona 500 became the first race on TV in 1971, expanded to include the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series.

The 2000s brought big changes. Nextel replaced Winston as the Cup Series sponsor in 2003. Throughout the season, the top driver is crowned the champion. In 2010, NASCAR also changed how championships are awarded, with the top driver throughout the season, with the champion driver receiving the trophy.

The Truck Series evolved too, becoming the Camping World Truck Series. In 2020, NASCAR welcomed major brands as Premier Partners. Despite over 70 years, NASCAR continues to grow and expand its roots.

**PUZZLE MAT**

Place the puzzle pieces in order here on the mat.

Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4	Event 5
Stock car races were held on beaches and streets, with no organized stadiums or schedules.	NASCAR was officially formed in Daytona Beach, led by Bill France Sr.	The first official NASCAR race took place, laying the foundation for the sport.		
Event 6	Event 7	Event 8	Event 9	Event 10

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A.

**THE TRUCK SERIES BECAME THE CAMPING WORLD TRUCK SERIES, WITH CAMPING WORLD REPLACING CRAFTSMAN AS THE SPONSOR.**  
B.

**THE DAYTONA 500 BECAME THE FIRST FULLY TELEVIEWED RACE, DRAWING MILLIONS OF VIEWERS AND INCREASING NASCAR'S POPULARITY.**  
D.

Hands-On Center:

Students put the puzzle pieces in chronological order.

**THE HISTORY OF NASCAR**

First read the passage. Then, put the steps in order below from #1 to #10 by writing a number at the top of each box. Put a #1 in the box that comes first and a #10 in the box that comes last.

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10	5	8	3	6
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# 10

## Fill in the Blank

**RICHARD PETTY**

Richard Petty is one of the most popular American racing drivers of all time. His talent on the track and fun personality made him a household name in the sport. He was also one of the first to make a million dollars, reaching that milestone in August 1971. Known as "The King," Petty earned the title through incredible achievements, including seven national championships in NASCAR. His career included 200 first-place finishes.

Born in North Carolina in 1937, Petty is now 87 years old. His father, Lee Petty, was a champion race car driver, giving him early exposure to the sport. By 21, Petty had turned professional and was named NASCAR's Rookie of the Year. Petty became known for his signature look by wearing a cowboy hat and sunglasses.

Petty retired from racing in 1992. In 1987, he received NASCAR's Award of Excellence. Then, in 1992, he got the United States Medal of Freedom which is the highest award in the country. Racing is a family tradition for Petty. His son Kyle became a successful racer, continuing the family tradition. Tragically, Petty's 19-year-old grandson, Adam, died in a practice crash during the Busch Grand National in 2000. This heart-breaking loss highlighted the dangers of racing. Since then, Petty has been an advocate for improving race car safety, honoring his grandson's memory. He speaks often about protecting drivers and making sure the sport becomes safer for future generations.

**WORD BANK:**  
Use the word bank to fill in the missing words from the passage.

- civilian
- exposure
- advocate
- milestone
- signature
- professional
- tradition
- household

Hands-On Center:

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

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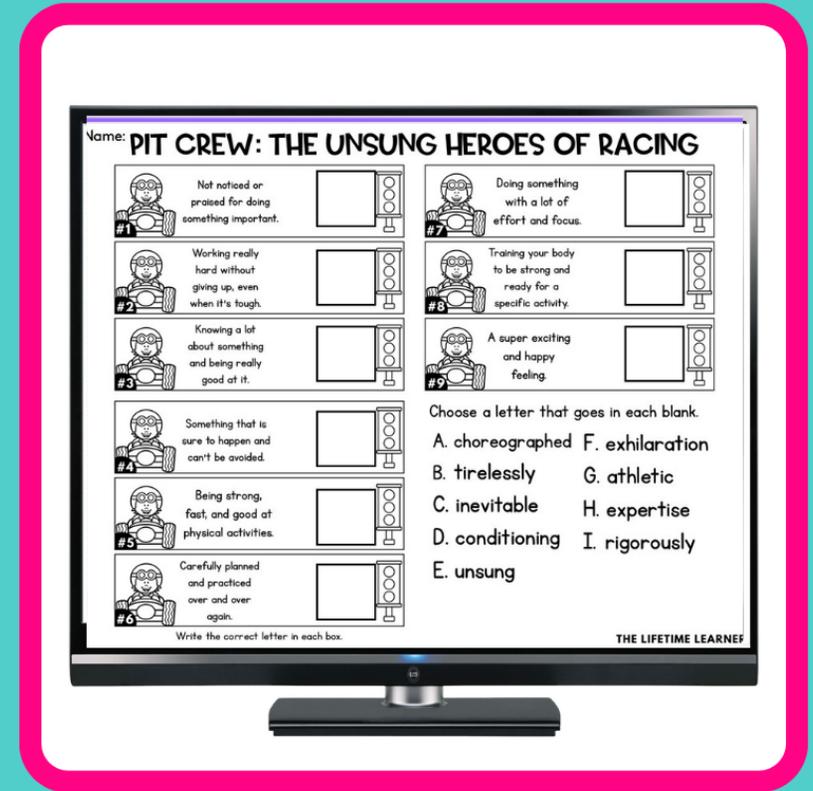
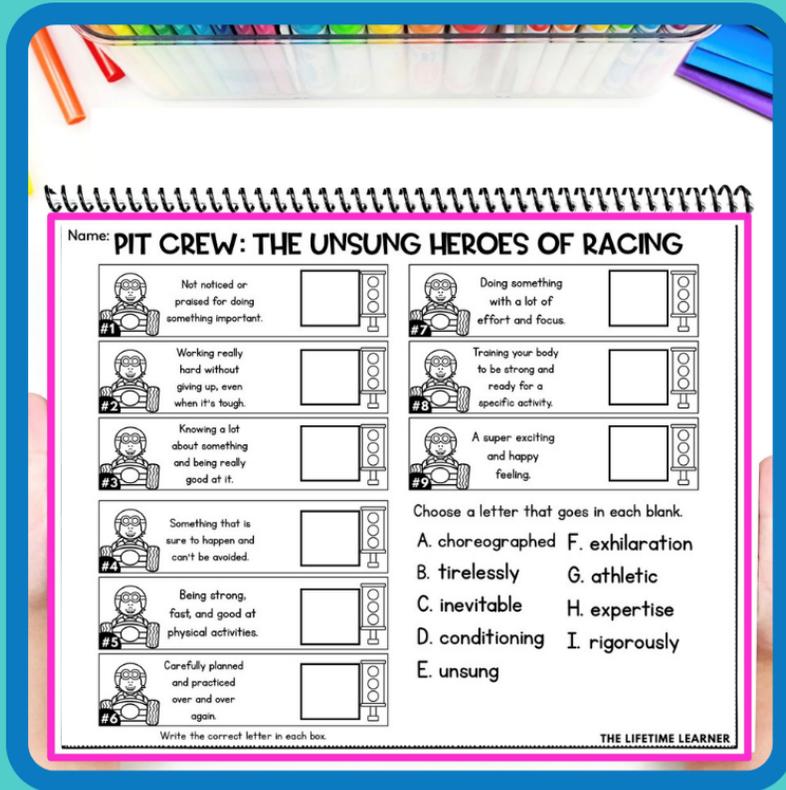
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**FORMULA 1 VERSUS NASCAR**

Formula 1 and NASCAR are both exciting types of racing, but they have many differences that set them apart. Let's take a closer look at both to understand what makes each unique.

Formula 1 racing involves a complex team effort, with managers, mechanics, engineers, and pit crews working together to help a driver succeed. Their cars and racing styles are very different from NASCAR. Formula 1 cars are built from the ground up, designed for speed and precision. They are much faster, reaching speeds over 210 miles per hour and taking tight corners easily. NASCAR cars are slower but designed for drivers to handle rough tracks and bumps. Meanwhile, Formula 1 cars are built from the ground up, designed for speed and precision. Formula 1 cars are faster, reaching speeds over 210 miles per hour and taking tight corners easily. NASCAR cars are slower but designed for drivers to handle rough tracks and bumps.

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Despite these differences, both sports bring their own unique thrills to fans. The high speed of Formula 1 or the close battles of NASCAR, both provide exciting moments for every fan.

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FORMULA 1	NASCAR	BOTH
Can reach speeds of over 210 miles per hour.	Look more like regular vehicles.	Drivers and teams earn money through sponsorships and winnings.
E.	B.	A.
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G.		D.

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### RACE TO THE FINISH LINE

Passage 1

How badly I want to win this race! Andretti is a strong competitor, but I refuse to give up. The wind is constantly pushing against my car. I've witnessed crash after crash out here today. Andretti is rolling, but I'm not far behind. With the help of my amazing

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Color each sentence the same color as the passage it goes with.

PASSAGE 1

A.	B.	C.	D.

This passage tells us

### PIT CREW: THE UNSUNG HEROES OF RACING

When most people think of race car driving, they picture the driver navigating the track at high speeds or the sleek car itself. However, the unsung heroes of racing are the pit crew: a team of professionals who work tirelessly to keep the car performing at its best. Without their expertise, even the best drivers would struggle to compete.

Name: **PIT CREW: THE UNSUNG HEROES OF RACING**

 #1 Not noticed or praised for doing something important.	<input type="checkbox"/>	 #7 Doing something with a lot of effort and focus.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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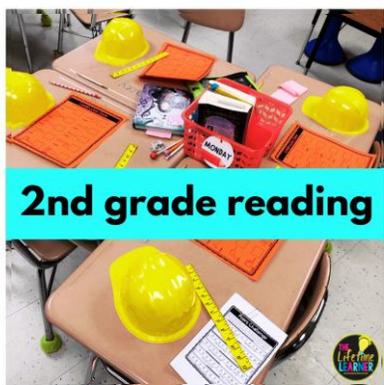
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