

MAKE LEARNING FUN!

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

You can use these passages:

- 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!

WHERE MUSIC BEGAN
Have you ever wondered where music first came from? Let's take a look at music's history throughout time to see where our favorite artists evolved from. Back in the early 300 BC time period, there are records of religious people chanting, playing musical instruments, and dancing. The Egyptians were the first to create a written musical notation system during the Greek and Roman eras. The Europeans were the first to create a written musical notation system during the Middle Ages.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS
First, read the story. Then, put the events in order below from #1 to #8 by writing a number at the top of each box. Put a #1 in the box that comes first and a #8 in the box that comes last.

6	2	5	7
A. The piano was invented in Italy, linking instruments with singing.	B. European music spread along with Christianity.	C. The modern violin was invented in Italy.	D. Composers like Handel, Mozart, and Beethoven revolutionized music.
3	8		
E. An Italian monk created the sol-fa system (do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti) to teach music by ear.	F. A radio personality introduced popular music as rock and roll, shaping modern culture.		

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THE HISTORY OF ROCK & ROLL
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THE HISTORY OF ROCK & ROLL
Color each detail the correct color based on the main idea it goes with.

RED MAIN IDEA 1: After World War II, the music culture changed since people wanted something new.

A. Popular music styles before rock 'n' roll included swing, big band, jazz, and country.

B. Younger audiences couldn't resist the lively beats and lyrics which helped break down racial barriers through music.

C. Swing music, once thought to be "bad", became mainstream as teenage fans grew older.

D. Older generations, Presley reshaped the music industry.

E. Though criticized by older generations, Presley reshaped the music industry.

F. Many older white Americans rejected these musical styles due to prejudice.

G. Elvis Presley, known as the King of Rock 'n' Roll, became a bit arrogant in his performances.

H. He was recognized after death among the Top 100 Greatest Artists of All Time by *Rolling Stone* magazine.

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THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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JOAN JETT
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Across
4. To give or help with something.
5. To start or create something new.
6. What people think or say about someone or something.
8. To break up or stop working together as a group.
9. A person who does something important first, leading the way for others.
10. To make someone feel left out or unwanted.

Down
1. Happening one after another without a break.
2. Acting against rules or doing things differently on purpose.
3. To do something alone, without help from others.
7. The first of its kind, something new and not copied.

Name: _____

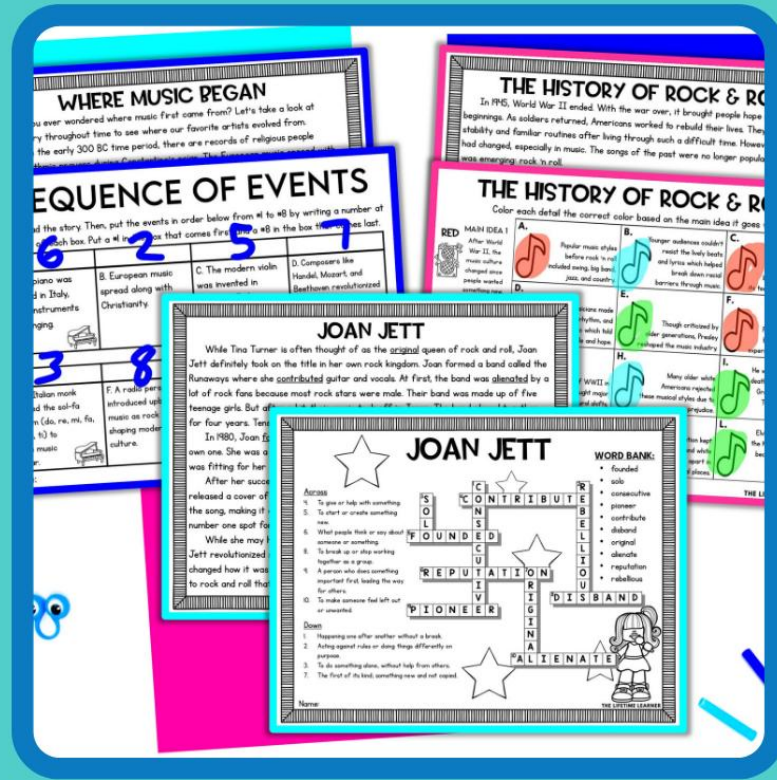
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WHAT'S AN ADD-ON PACK?

You can use this resource two ways:



Use the reading passages to supplement your Rock Star 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

THE HISTORY OF ROCK & ROLL

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Before rock 'n roll, popular U.S. music included swing, big band, jazz, and country. Swing was what teenagers liked. As those fans aged, it became more normal and everyone tended to listen to it. During this time, segregation separated Black and white communities. Black musicians developed gospel, rhythm, and blues songs. They showed stories of struggle and hope. Though older white Americans resisted these styles due to prejudice, younger audiences liked the songs. Racial barriers were broken down through a shared love of music. There were many rock 'n roll pioneers. Jackie Wilson recorded over 50 hits but faced discrimination. This meant that he wasn't celebrated for his popular songs while he was alive. After he died, many decades later, Rolling Stone Magazine gave him a place among Top 100 Greatest Artists of All Time. Elvis Presley, known as the King of Rock 'n Roll, another popular artist. Teens adored him but older generations disliked his music. Rock 'n roll grew into more than a music genre. It became a symbol of freedom and in a divided world Rock 'n roll shows us that music has the power to change the world.

MAIN IDEA 1: After World War II, the music culture changed since people wanted something new.

MAIN IDEA 2: Segregation divided Black and white communities, but music became a powerful bridge and connected the two.

MAIN IDEA 3: There were several important artists who influenced the rock 'n roll era.

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No-Prep Printables

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Color each detail the correct color based on the main idea it goes with.

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BLUE MAIN IDEA 2: Segregation divided Black and white communities, but music became a powerful bridge and connected the two.

GREEN MAIN IDEA 3: There were several important artists who influenced the rock 'n roll era.

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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

QUEEN BEY

On September 4, 1981, Beyoncé Giselle Knowles was born. When Beyoncé was 5, their family welcomed another girl into their home: Solange. Solange and Beyoncé were close and remain the best of friends. They have cheered each other on and have been there in hard times, too. Family is important to the Knowles. They want to nurture strong, loving bonds.

Beyoncé was shy as a young child and didn't have many friends. Her parents wanted her to make friends, so they signed her up for a dance class. She loved performing. When she was nine, she formed a girl band called *Girl's Tyme*. The group struggled to gain popularity. After signing with Columbia Records, Beyoncé's manager suggested a name change. They decided to rename it *Destiny's Child*. At first, things did not look good. But *Destiny's Child* did not give up. In 1999, they released an album, *The Writing's on the Wall*, which had two hits.

Then, on a flight to the MTV Spring Break Festival, Beyoncé met fellow artist Jay-Z. They became friends, stayed in touch, and started dating. In the 2000s, *Destiny's Child* members decided to chase solo careers while the group stayed intact. Beyoncé released a solo album, *Dangerously in Love*, in 2003. It was a hit and won multiple Grammys. *Destiny's*

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Beyoncé was very shy as a young child and didn't have many friends. Her parents wanted to encourage her to make new friends, so they signed her up for a dance class. She found a passion for performing. When she was nine, she formed an all-girls band called *Girl's Tyme*. The group struggled to grow and gain popularity. After signing with Columbia Records, Beyoncé's manager and father, Mathew Knowles, suggested a name change.

They decided to rename it *Destiny's Child*. At first, the group lost on a television talent search show and was dropped from a record contract. Things were not looking good, but *Destiny's Child* did not give up. In 1999, they released the album, *The Writing's on the Wall*, which contained two number one singles.

Shortly after, Beyoncé was heading to the MTV Spring Break Festival in Cancun when she sat next to another artist on the plane. The two of them became instant friends. They stayed in contact and began dating a year later. The man she met was Jay-Z. His real name is Shawn Corey Carter, but most people call him Jay, including Beyoncé.

In the early 2000s, after becoming one of the best-selling girl groups of all time, *Destiny's Child* members decided to chase solo careers while still keeping the group intact. Beyoncé released her debut solo album, *Dangerously in Love*, in 2003. It was a hit and won multiple Grammy Awards. *Destiny's Child*'s as a group released a final album, *Destiny Fulfilled* in 2004 and then announced they were breaking up. This allowed Beyoncé to focus on her solo career.

In 2008, Beyoncé and Jay-Z were married. A few years later, they had their first baby together. The two rock and roll parents now have three children. Being their kid is like being born into music industry royalty. Life as a rock star must be amazing and hard all at once. Performing and doing what you love would be very rewarding, but not having much privacy must be difficult. Everywhere Beyoncé goes, she is recognized and followed by adoring fans. Going from a shy girl to a well-known and beloved adult must be quite the change.

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In 1980, Joan founded a new record company. She was the first female musician to own one. She was a true pioneer for women musicians. After all she had been through, it was fitting for her first solo album and hit song to be titled "Bad Reputation

After her success, she was offered a record deal with a major music label. She released a cover of "I Love Rock and Roll." Her rebellious style brought fresh energy to the song, making it a hit with fans. Her version topped the music charts, holding the number one spot for eight consecutive weeks.

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While Tina Turner is often thought of as the original queen of rock and roll, Joan Jett definitely took on the title in her own rock kingdom. Joan began her music career as a teenager. She formed a band called the Runaways where she contributed guitar and vocals. At first, the band was alienated by a lot of rock fans because most rock stars were male. Their band, on the other hand, was made up of five teenage girls. People didn't know how to respond to their music at first. But after a little while, their music took off, especially in Japan. The band, called "The Runaways" performed their #1 hit "Cherry Bomb" all over the world. The band performed together for four years before breaking up and going their separate ways. Tension over musical direction and management issues ultimately caused the group to disband.

In 1980, Joan founded a new record company: Blackheart Records. She was the first female musician to own an independent record company. She was a true pioneer for women musicians. After all she had been through, it was fitting for her first solo album and number one hit song to be titled "Bad Reputation." Some people didn't have a good opinion of her and felt her rock was too rough. So, Joan declared that she didn't care what other people thought of her.

Differentiate and give your students the version best for them!

CENTER 1

Multiple Choice

QUEEN BEY

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Beyoncé was shy as a young child and didn't have many friends. Her parents wanted her to make friends, so they signed her up for a dance class. She loved performing. When she was nine, she formed a girl band called *Destiny's Child*. The group struggled to gain popularity. After signing with Columbia Records, Beyoncé's manager suggested a name change. They

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MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. B	2. A	3. B	4.
5.	6.	7.	8.
9.	10.	11.	12.

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1. What is the meaning of the word "nurture" as used in the passage?

A. To ignore relationships
B. To strengthen and support
C. To create something new
D. To end connections



2. What text structure is used in this passage?

A. Sequence of events
B. Problem and solution
C. Compare and contrast
D. Cause and effect



Hands-On Center:

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

Name: _____

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1. What is the meaning of the word "nurture" as used in the passage? A. To ignore relationships B. To strengthen and support C. To create something new D. To end connections	2. What text structure is used in this passage? A. Sequence of events B. Problem and solution C. Compare and contrast D. Cause and effect	3. What is the main idea of the passage? A. Beyoncé and Jay-Z have 3 children. B. Beyoncé became a famous singer. C. Destiny's Child was a popular music group. D. Beyoncé struggled in her career and left music.	4. Which of the following is NOT a supporting detail from the passage? A. Beyoncé was a shy child. C. Destiny's Child had several members in the group. D. Beyoncé was born on September 4, 1981. B. Beyoncé's favorite color is purple.
5. Based on the passage, what can be inferred about Beyoncé's success? A. She became famous without facing any challenges. B. Beyoncé preferred working solo. C. She never faced competition in the music industry. D. She became famous after years of hard work and persistence.	6. Which word is a synonym for "infact" as used in the passage? A. Broken B. Unpleasant C. Divided D. Lost	7. Which word is an antonym for "encourage" as used in the passage? A. Inspire B. Support C. Discourage D. Motivate	8. Why did they change the name of the band from <i>Destiny's Child</i> ? A. They wanted something easier to pronounce. B. They needed a fresh start after struggling to gain popularity. C. They signed with a new record label that required a name change. D. Their fans requested a new name.
9. Why did Beyoncé's girl group split up? A. They had personal disagreements. B. The record label dropped them permanently. C. They stopped making popular music. D. They wanted to pursue solo careers while staying connected.	10. What is the author's point of view on being famous? Which line in the text shows this? A. "Life as a rock star must be exciting and hard all at once." B. "A few years later, they had their first baby together." C. "Beyoncé and Jay-Z were married in 2008." D. "The two rock and roll parents now have three children."	11. What was the first successful album released by <i>Destiny's Child</i> ? A. <i>Destiny Fulfilled</i> B. <i>Dangerously in Love</i> C. <i>The Writing's on the Wall</i> D. <i>Survivor</i>	12. Which sentence from the passage is an opinion, not a fact? A. "Beyoncé was born on September 4, 1981." B. "Beyoncé was very shy as a young child." C. "Songs that led to hits have been hit music industry songs." D. "Destiny's Child released the album, <i>The Writing's on the Wall</i> in 1997."

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

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CENTER 2

Crossword Puzzle

JOAN JETT

Often thought of as the original queen of rock and roll, Joan Jett earned the title in her own rock kingdom. Joan formed a band called the Runaways, which contributed guitar and vocals. At first, the band was alienated by a male-dominated music industry. But after a brief four-year run, tension over creative control led to the band's end. In 1980, Joan founded her own band, L.A. Guns. She was a true pioneer in the rock world, making it a hit with her first solo album, *I Love Rock 'n' Roll*. After her success, she released a cover of "I Love Rock 'n' Roll" which became a number one spot for eight weeks. While she may have had her share of challenges, Joan Jett revolutionized rock and roll and changed how it was seen as a genre that has been embraced by millions.

JOAN JETT

WORD BANK:

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- alienate
- reputation
- rebellious

★ **1 DOWN** ↓
Happening one after another without a break.

★ **4 ACROSS** →
To give or help with something.

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To start or create something new.

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Hands-On Center:

Students use the clue cards to fill in the crossword puzzle.

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3

Compare & Contrast

JIMI AND JANIS

Side-by-side, Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin are both famous symbols and Janis faced difficult lives marked by struggles and personal hardships, they rose to fame as self-taught musicians. This means music teachers. Jimi mastered the guitar and Janis worked on singing solo careers, both performed with bands. They had to build the music scene and often played at the same events. This is where they formed a friendship since they both loved music. Tragically, at the age of 27, only weeks apart from unrelated events. Their musical journeys did set them apart. Jimi Hendrix drew inspiration from B.B. King. He never learned to read or write music. He relied on his sound and fans loved. Known for his loud performances, he played guitar over time, he played the guitar upside down due to being left-handed. He started singing at her church early on. Though she was good, she sang. But her voice was like no other so fans liked her a lot. She helped in rock 'n roll history. Jimi Hendrix wore outfits with leather jackets and Janis Joplin had a bohemian style with flowing clothes, jewelry, and her life lives on and they will not be forgotten in rock 'n roll history.

They faced bullying early on in life and in school. B.	They played guitar and couldn't read or write music. A.	They were a self-taught musician. D.
They were known for free-spirited, bohemian fashion. E.	They performed at the same venues and were close friends. F.	

Hands-On Center:

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

JIMI AND JANIS

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

They played guitar and couldn't read or write music. A.	They faced bullying early on in life and in school. B.	They were inspired by Buddy Holly and B.B. King. C.	They were a self-taught musician. D.
They were known for free-spirited, bohemian fashion. E.	They performed at the same venues and were close friends. F.	They were known for performing guitar tricks. G.	They gave women a place in rock 'n roll history. H.
They died at the age of 27. I.	They sang with a powerful, soulful voice. J.	They struggled with personal challenges. K.	They wore a rock-inspired leather style on stage. L.

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CENTER

4

Word Search

THE BEATLES

Some of the biggest rock and roll bands in history. They mostly played music also included pop, blues, and classical tracks. With a style that changed music forever. Their concerts were wild and packed with energy. They got enough. They screamed and filled arenas to the brim. In 1962, the Beatles released their first major hit, "Love Me Do." The song launched them into stardom. John Lennon and Paul McCartney created new songs quickly. Together they recorded for the most number-one hits. Some of their most popular tracks include "Yesterday," "I Want to Hold Your Hand," and "Let It Be." Their song "Yesterday" has been covered by over 2,200 artists. When the Beatles first arrived in America, they would react. Just two days after their arrival, they were in the news.

WORD BANK

DAFFYDUCK	UNCERTAIN
TIMELESS	YESTERDAY
BEATLES	WILD
INSPIRED	STARDOM
TWOHUNDRED	TWENTY

WORD SEARCH

- What word means the Beatles' music affected and changed people's lives?
- What word describes how the Beatles' concerts were full of energy?
- What word refers to the Beatles' life after their first big hit song?
- What word is a synonym for how the Beatles were unsure about how Americans would react to their music?

Hands-On Center:

Students find each word in the word search.

THE BEATLES: WORD SEARCH

Name: _____

1. What word means the Beatles' music affected and changed people's lives? Inspired	2. What word describes how the Beatles' concerts were full of energy? Wild	3. What word refers to the Beatles' life after their first big hit song? Stardom	4. What word is a synonym for how the Beatles were unsure about how Americans would react to their music? Uncertain	5. What cartoon character performed one of their songs? Daffy Duck
6. What word explains how the Beatles' music continues to influence musicians today? Timeless	7. How many record breaking songs did the Beatles have? Twenty	8. How many songs did the band's songwriters create over their lives? Two hundred	9. What song has been covered by over 2,200 artists that the Beatles wrote? Yesterday	10. What band is the main focus of the passage? Beatles

Write the answer in each box. Then, go find it in the word search.

No Prep Printable Worksheet!

CENTER 5

Sorting Game

THE HISTORY OF ROCK & ROLL

After World War II ended. With the war over, it brought people hope and new things. As soldiers returned, Americans worked to rebuild their lives. They wanted liberty and familiar routines after living through such a difficult time. However, the world changed, especially in music. The songs of the past were no longer popular. A new genre emerging: rock 'n roll.

Before rock 'n roll, popular U.S. music included swing, big band, jazz, and country. Swing was what teenagers liked. As those fans aged, it became more normal and everyone tended to listen to it. During this time, segregation separated Black and white communities. Musicians developed gospel, rhythm, and blues songs. They showed stories of struggle and hope. Though older white Americans resisted these styles due to prejudice, younger audiences liked the songs. Racial barriers were broken down through a shared love of music. There were many rock 'n roll pioneers. Jackie Wilson recorded over 50 hits but faced racial discrimination. This meant that he wasn't celebrated for his popular songs while he was alive. After he died, many decades later, Rolling Stone Magazine gave him a place among the Top 100 Greatest Artists of All Time. Elvis Presley, known as the King of Rock 'n Roll, another popular artist. Teens adored him but older generations disliked his music. Rock 'n roll grew into more than a music genre. It became a symbol of freedom and rebellion in a divided world. Rock 'n roll shows us that music has the power to change the world.

MAIN IDEA 1:
After World War II, the music culture changed since people wanted something new.

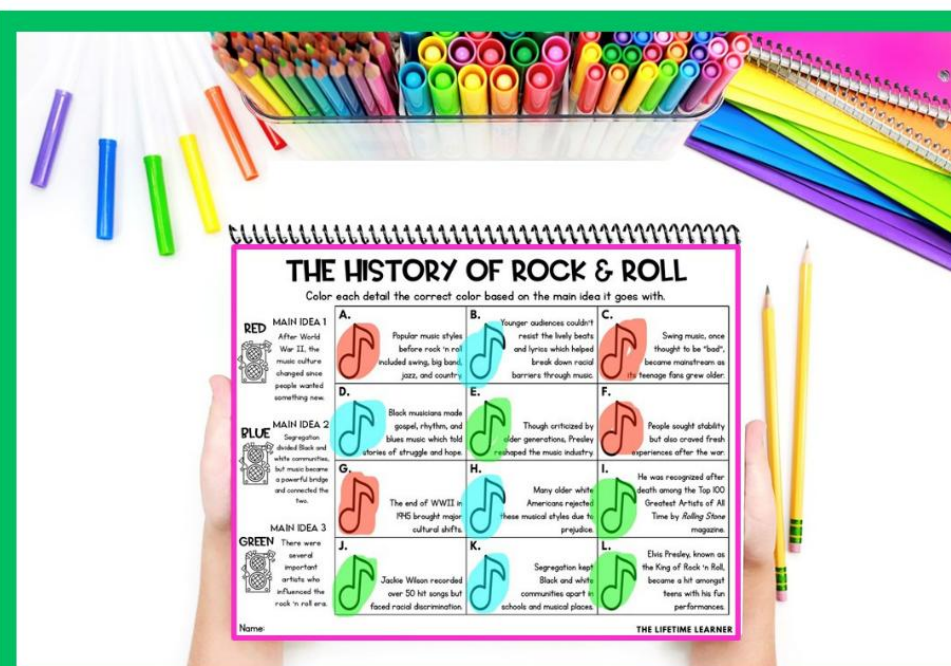
MAIN IDEA 2:
Segregation divided Black and white communities, but music became a powerful bridge and connected the two.

MAIN IDEA 3:
There were several important artists who influenced the rock 'n roll era.

- A. Popular music styles before rock 'n roll included swing, big band, jazz, and country.
- B. Younger audiences couldn't resist the baby beats and lyrics which helped break down racial barriers through music.
- C. Swing music, once thought to be "soft," became mainstream as its teenage fans grew older.
- D. Black musicians made gospel, rhythm, and blues music which told stories of struggle and hope.
- E. Though criticized by older generations, Presley reshaped the music industry.
- F. People sought stability but also craved fresh experiences after the war.
- G. He was recognized after death among the Top 100 Greatest Artists of All Time by Rolling Stone magazine.
- H. There were several important artists who influenced the rock 'n roll era.
- I. He was recognized after death among the Top 100 Greatest Artists of All Time by Rolling Stone magazine.
- J. Jackie Wilson recorded over 50 hit songs but faced racial discrimination.

Hands-On Center:

Students sort each card onto the correct mat.



THE HISTORY OF ROCK & ROLL

Color each detail the correct color based on the main idea it goes with.

RED	MAIN IDEA 1 After World War II, the music culture changed since people wanted something new.	A. Popular music styles before rock 'n roll included swing, big band, jazz, and country.	B. Younger audiences couldn't resist the baby beats and lyrics which helped break down racial barriers through music.	C. Swing music, once thought to be "soft," became mainstream as its teenage fans grew older.
BLUE	MAIN IDEA 2 Segregation divided Black and white communities, but music became a powerful bridge and connected the two.	D. Black musicians made gospel, rhythm, and blues music which told stories of struggle and hope.	E. Though criticized by older generations, Presley reshaped the music industry.	F. People sought stability but also craved fresh experiences after the war.
GREEN	MAIN IDEA 3 There were several important artists who influenced the rock 'n roll era.	G. The end of WWII in 1945 brought major cultural shifts.	H. Many older white Americans rejected these musical styles due to prejudice.	I. He was recognized after death among the Top 100 Greatest Artists of All Time by Rolling Stone magazine.
		J. Jackie Wilson recorded over 50 hit songs but faced racial discrimination.	K. Segregation kept Black and white communities apart in schools and musical places.	L. Elvis Presley, known as the King of Rock 'n Roll, became a hit amongst teens with his fun performances.

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CENTER 6

Color by Code

TINA TURNER

One of the most famous rock stars is Anna Mae Bullock. She took on the stage name of Tina Turner in the 1960s. Music critics refer to her as "the original Queen of Rock."

When she was a teenager, she began singing at local clubs. Tina met Ike Turner when she saw his band perform in **Memphis, Tennessee**. Impressed by her powerful voice after she sang with the band during a break, Ike invited her to join his group, the Kings of Rhythm. They got married. Their partnership soon became the **Ike & Tina Turner Revue**. They sang together and made hit records. But Tina Turner left the Kings of Rhythm and ended her marriage to Ike in 1976. She began to perform by herself and became the "Queen of Rock."

Her song, "What's Love Got To Do With It" was her first number one hit. It remained number one for three weeks. The Daily Vault author, Mark Millan, described the song as **one of the most powerful songs of the 1980s**. The Grammy Awards are presented to musicians each year. Every musician wants a **Grammy Award**. Incredibly talented, Tina Turner was nominated to receive a Grammy 25 times and won 8 times.

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1. What words hint at the author's perspective on Tina Turner winning so many awards? Color the answer light blue.

What was the name of the band Tina and Ike created together?

4. Color the answer yellow.

Where did Tina meet Ike?

1. Color the answer red.

Hands-On Center:

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



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Sequencing Puzzles

WHERE MUSIC BEGAN

Have you ever wondered where music first came from? Let's take a look at the history of music throughout time to see where our favorite artists evolved from. Back in the early 300 BC time period, there are records of religious people chanting rhythmic prayers during Christianity. It wasn't for 800 more years until the modern piano was invented in Italy. In 1030, an Italian monk created the sol-fa system for teaching music by ear. It's called the sol-fa system (do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti) to teach music by ear. Iron bells and ancient African drums were used to create sounds to enjoy life and express emotions. In the mid 15th century, the modern violin was invented in northern Italy. This history led to "musical stars" for playing the piano. They changed the way music was performed and written. This history led to "musical stars" for playing the piano. They changed the way music was performed and written. This history led to "musical stars" for playing the piano. They changed the way music was performed and written.

WHERE MUSIC BEGAN PUZZLE MAT

Place the puzzle pieces in order here on the mat.

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Hands-On Center:

Students put the puzzle pieces in chronological order.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

First read the story. Then, put the events in order below from #1 to #8 by writing a number at the top of each box. Put a #1 in the box that comes first and a #8 in the box that comes last.

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HOW TO BECOME A ROCK STAR

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WORD BANK:

Use the word bank to fill in the missing words from the passage.

- interviewed
- reality
- audience
- instrument
- persist
- patience
- crucial
- gig

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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THE HISTORY OF ROCK & ROLL
Color each detail the correct color based on the main idea it goes with.

RED MAIN IDEA 1
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BLUE MAIN IDEA 2
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GREEN MAIN IDEA 3
There were several important artists who influenced the rock 'n roll era.

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D. Black musicians made gospel, rhythm, and blues music which told stories of struggle and hope.	E. Though criticized by older generations, Presley reshaped the music industry.	F. People sought stability but also craved fresh experiences after the war.
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JOAN JETT

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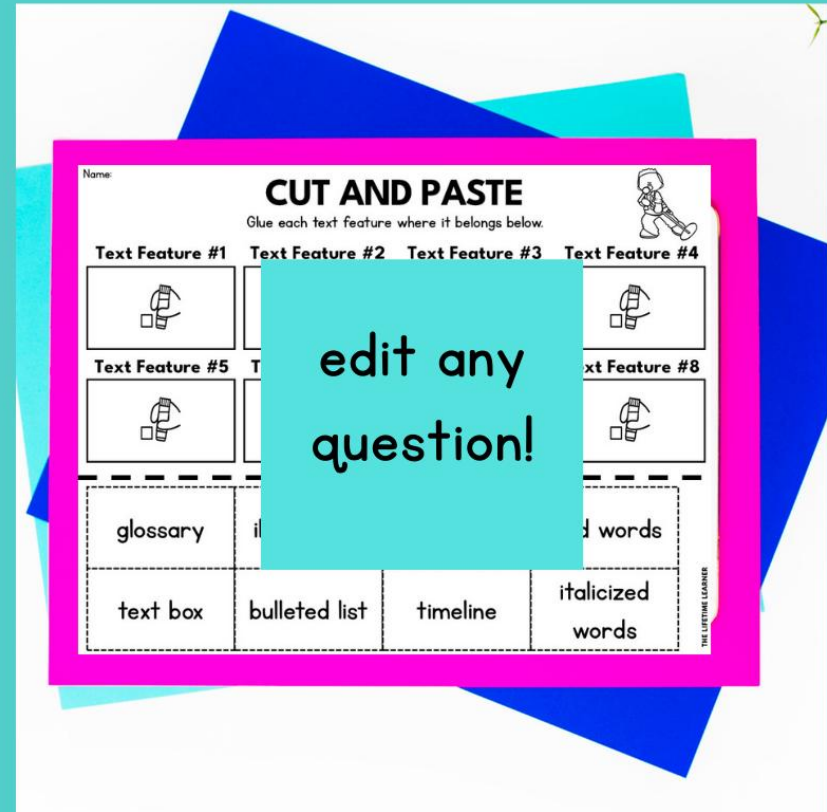
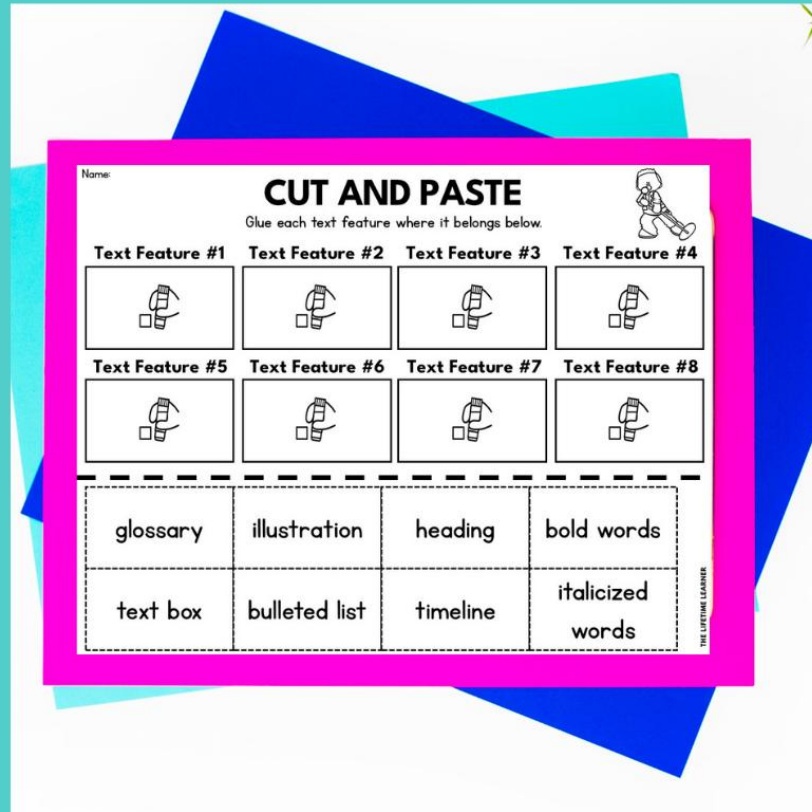
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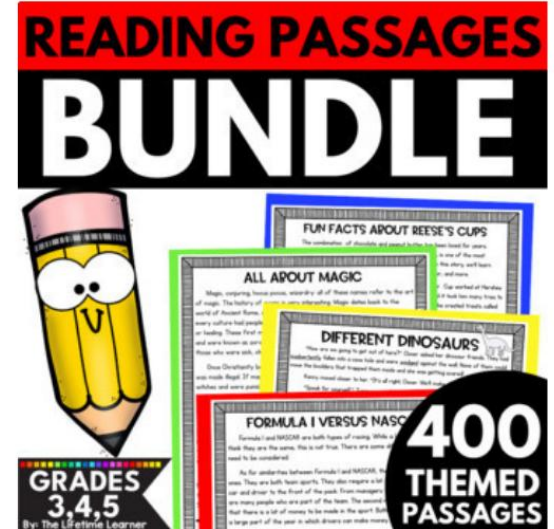
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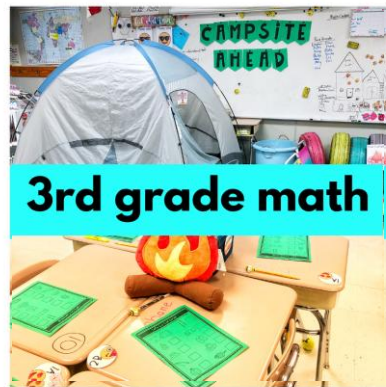
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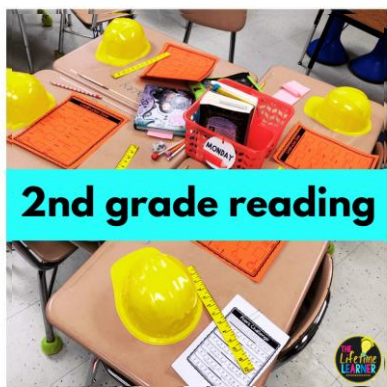
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