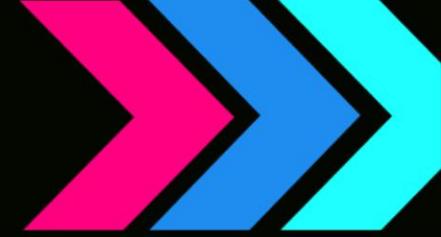
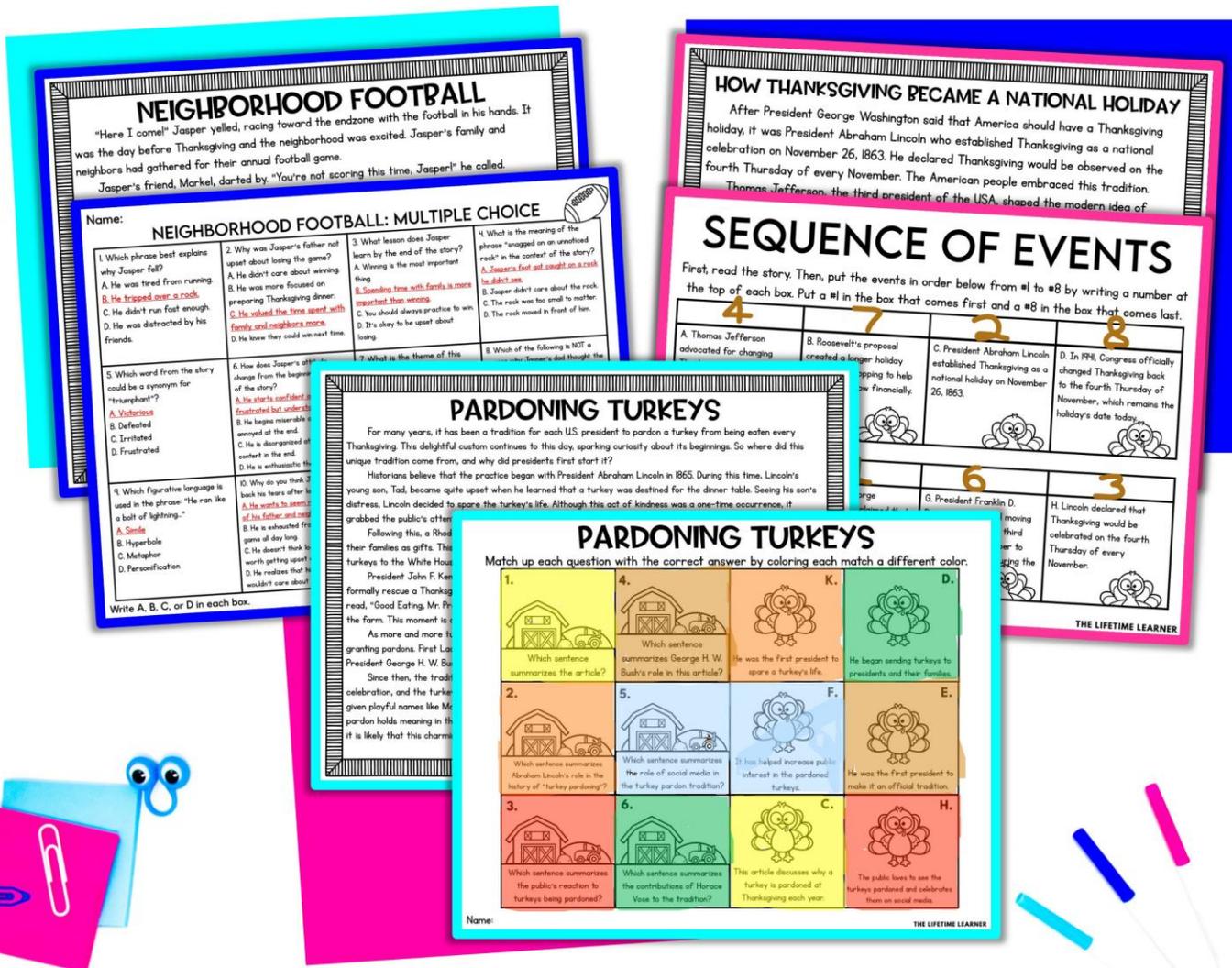


MAKE LEARNING FUN!



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



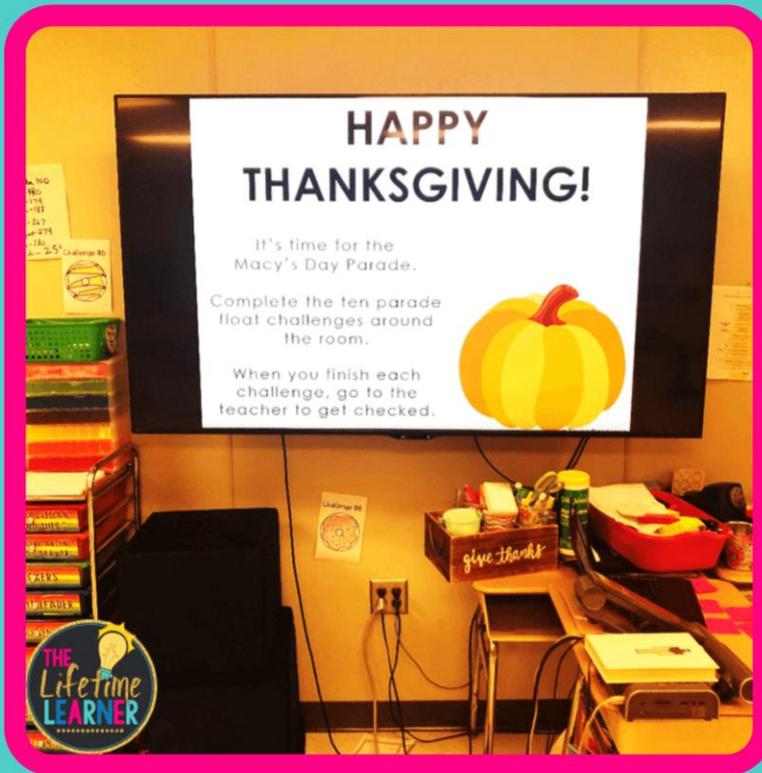
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- for classroom transformations
- during your ELA block
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- skill practice
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- remediation
- enrichment
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- fast finisher activity
- and more!

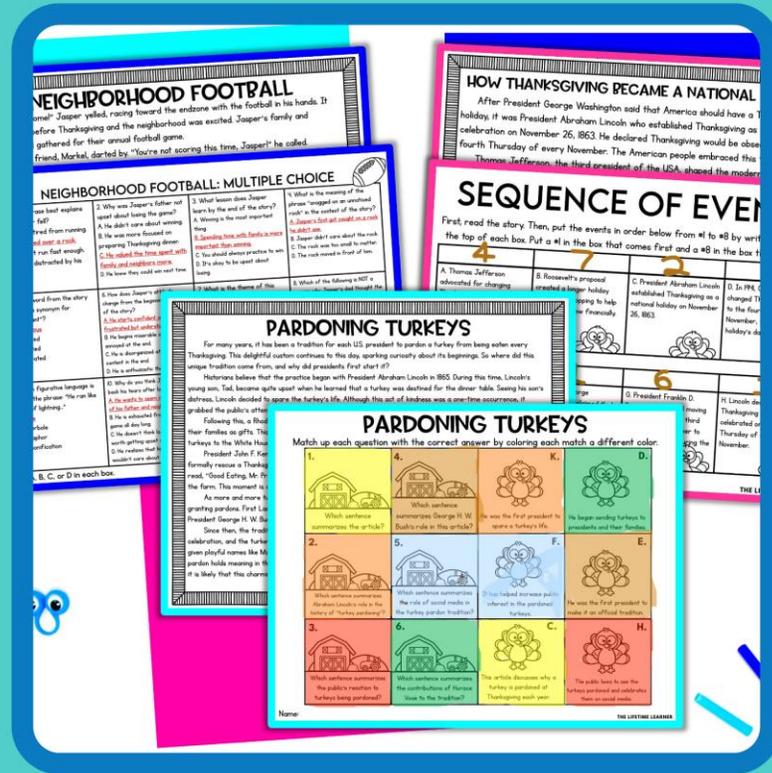


WHAT'S AN ADD-ON PACK?

You can use this resource two ways:



Use the reading passages to supplement your Thanksgiving 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

RIGHT!
Place 10 footballs that are right here.

✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

WRONG!
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✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

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Q. Many Americans feel that football enhances their Thanksgiving celebrations.

M. Thanksgiving football is not popular among families in the United States.

P. The first Thanksgiving football game took place in 1920.

R. The Cowboys and Lions do not play on Thanksgiving Day.

G. Americans have no interest in the history of Thanksgiving football.

K. The tradition of playing football on Thanksgiving began in the 1800s.

I. The first college football game held on Thanksgiving was between Princeton and Yale in 1876.

N. Football is a recent addition to Thanksgiving traditions.

No-Prep Printables

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: A THANKSGIVING TRADITION
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With this version, students read the passage. Then, they complete a hands-on center activity 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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DOG ESCAPE

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"Hey, do you want to play a game with us?" her cousin, Toby, asked eagerly.

Vanessa grimaced at the idea. "No, I'm going to take Buttons outside." She put on her dog Buttons' leash and collar. Then, she quickly began striding outside.

"I'm envious of you, Buttons," she whispered. "You don't have to deal with this." Suddenly, a flock of geese landed nearby, causing a commotion. Her dog began to tug and bark. "Buttons, calm down!" Vanessa exclaimed in exasperation.

Buttons broke free and bolted away. Vanessa stood there, horrified. What now?

"Buttons ran away!" she shouted as she went inside. Her cousins had gathered there.

"It's okay, we'll help you find him." Her cousin, Judy, assured her. The rest of the family quickly headed outside while calling for Buttons throughout the neighborhood.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DOG ESCAPE

Vanessa did not particularly enjoy Thanksgiving. Her home would become overwhelmed with her rowdy cousins, aunts, and uncles. It created an uproar that drowned out any appearance of peace. She would have preferred a tranquil day spent in a quiet environment. However, her parents insisted that she join the festivities rather than retreat to her room.

"Hey, do you want to play a game with us?" her cousin, Toby, asked eagerly.

Vanessa grimaced at the idea. "No, I'm going to take Buttons outside." She grabbed her dog Buttons' leash and collar, securing them around his neck before opening the porch door and striding outside. Once in the yard, she paused to allow Buttons to sniff around. They both enjoyed the fresh air.

"I'm envious of you, Buttons," she whispered. "You don't have to deal with everyone." Suddenly, a flock of geese flew overhead and landed across the street. Buttons, distracted by the commotion, began to bark and tug on his leash.

"Buttons, calm down!" Vanessa exclaimed in exasperation.

Before she could react, Buttons broke free from her grasp, bolting into the street in search of the geese. Vanessa stood there, horrified and in shock. She had lost Buttons!

"Mom, Dad, Buttons ran away!" she shouted as she hurried back inside. Her cousins had also gathered there.

"It's okay, we'll help you find him." Her cousin, Judy, assured her. The rest of the family quickly headed outside while calling for Buttons throughout the neighborhood.

"This is all my fault," Vanessa thought to herself. "If I had stayed inside, Buttons wouldn't have escaped."

"Hey, I think Buttons is up here!" one of her cousins bellowed, drawing her attention. Vanessa raced up the street to where her cousin was pointing. There was Buttons, safely in a neighbor's yard, sniffing the ground.

"Buttons!" Vanessa yelled, rushing toward her dog. Soon, her family congregated around her. But to her astonishment, they didn't appear annoyed. Instead, they were laughing.

"Oh, Buttons," her mother said. "You certainly know how to bring us all together. Ready to go home, Vanessa?"

Vanessa beamed with happiness. "I am. And this time, I'll make sure to join in the games with you all!"

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: A THANKSGIVING TRADITION

Many Americans love watching football on Thanksgiving. But have you ever wondered where the tradition of playing football on this holiday began? It can be traced back to the late 1800s. In 1876, two colleges named Princeton and Yale, faced off in a football match on Thanksgiving that got the attention of fans everywhere. Over 1,000 fans attended the game since many people were off work. Many other colleges joined in the following year. Over time, football on Thanksgiving became more and more popular.

Today, most Americans today prefer to watch professional players take the field. When did this shift begin? In 1920, the National Football League (NFL) was created. The league adopted the tradition of hosting football games on Thanksgiving. They organized up to 6 football games on this holiday. By scheduling Thanksgiving Day games, the NFL helped make football a special tradition people looked forward to every year.

Today, the NFL continues its Thanksgiving Day games. There are 3 games to watch live on television each November. The most popular teams to play are the Dallas Cowboys

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: A THANKSGIVING TRADITION

Many Americans delight in spending their Thanksgiving holiday nestled in front of the television, eagerly watching a game of football. However, have you ever wondered where the tradition of playing football on Thanksgiving began? The roots of this custom can be traced back to the late 1800s. In 1876, two prestigious colleges, Princeton and Yale, faced off in a highly publicized football match that got the attention of sports fans across the nation. They happened to play the game on Thanksgiving Day. Over 1,000 fans attended the game since it was played on Thanksgiving, a day many people had off. This event sparked a trend and led to numerous colleges repeating this on their own campuses in the years to follow. Over time, football on Thanksgiving became more and more popular not just on college campuses but with families around the nation as well.

Today, most Americans today prefer to watch professional players take the field on Thanksgiving. So, when did this shift toward professional football begin? In 1920, the National Football League (NFL) was created. From the very beginning, the league quickly adopted the tradition of hosting football games on Thanksgiving Day. The NFL organized up to 6 football games each year on this holiday. By scheduling Thanksgiving Day games, the NFL helped make football

Differentiate and give your students the version best for them!

CENTER 1

Multiple Choice

NEIGHBORHOOD FOOTBALL: MULTIPLE CHOICE

D in each box. THE LIFETIME LEARNER

What lesson does Jasper learn by the end of the story?

- A. Winning is the most important thing.
- B. Spending time with family is more important than winning.
- C. You should always practice to win.
- D. It's okay to be upset about losing.

3.



What is the meaning of the phrase "snagged on an unnoticed rock" in the context of the story?

- A. Jasper's foot got caught on a rock he didn't see.
- B. Jasper didn't care about the rock.
- C. The rock was too small to matter.
- D. The rock moved in front of him.

4.



Hands-On Center:

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

Name: _____

NEIGHBORHOOD FOOTBALL: MULTIPLE CHOICE

- Which phrase best explains why Jasper fell?
 - A. He was tired from running.
 - B. He tripped over a rock.
 - C. He didn't run fast enough.
 - D. He was distracted by his friends.
- Why was Jasper's father not upset about losing the game?
 - A. He didn't care about winning.
 - B. He was more focused on preparing Thanksgiving dinner.
 - C. He valued the time spent with family and neighbors more.
 - D. He knew they could win next time.
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 - D. The rock moved in front of him.
- Which word from the story could be a synonym for "triumphant"?
 - A. Victorious
 - B. Defeated
 - C. Irritated
 - D. Frustrated
- How does Jasper's attitude change from the beginning to the end of the story?
 - A. He starts out excited and ends frustrated but understanding.
 - B. He begins miserable and becomes proud at the end.
 - C. He is disappointed at first but content in the end.
 - D. He is enthusiastic the whole time.
- What is the theme of this story?
 - A. Winning is everything.
 - B. Competitions are more important than friendships.
 - C. Great things are more valuable than winning or losing.
 - D. Practice makes perfect.
- Which of the following is NOT a reason why Jasper did thought the game was still important?
 - A. It was a tradition with the neighbors.
 - B. It brought everyone together to have fun.
 - C. Winning would bring more food for Thanksgiving.
 - D. It made good memories with family.
- Which figurative language is used in the phrase "He ran like a bolt of lightning"?
 - A. Simile
 - B. Hyperbole
 - C. Metaphor
 - D. Personification
- Why do you think Jasper tells back his knee after losing the game?
 - A. He wants to seem mature in front of his father and neighbors.
 - B. He is embarrassed from playing the game all day long.
 - C. He doesn't think losing the game is worth getting upset over.
 - D. He realizes that his father wouldn't care about the game result.
- Which character trait best describes Jasper throughout the story?
 - A. Exasperated
 - B. Gracious
 - C. Impatient
 - D. Competitive
- What could be an antonym for "approached" as used in the story?
 - A. Aggressive
 - B. Advanced
 - C. Careful
 - D. Disacted

Write A, B, C, or D in each box. THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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CENTER 2

Crossword Puzzle

THANKSGIVING DOG ESCAPE

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DOG ESCAPE

Place the words in the correct spaces on the crossword puzzle.

Across

- Low and full of energy, sometimes causing trouble.
- Feeling really frustrated or annoyed.
- Walking quickly and confidently.
- Calm and peaceful, without noise or activity.
- To gather or come together as a group.

Down

- Shouted or yelled in a loud voice.
- Feeling like you want something that someone else has.
- A lot of noise and activity that causes confusion.
- A feeling of great surprise, unpleasant or when you don't like something.

WORD BANK:

- rowdy • exasperation
- tranquil • congregate
- grimace • astonishment
- envious • striding
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5 ACROSS →

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2 DOWN ↓

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1 DOWN ↓

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Hands-On Center:

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

Name: _____

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CENTER 3

Matching Pairs

PARDONING TURKEYS

For many years, it has been a tradition for each U.S. president to pardon a turkey from being eaten every Thanksgiving. So where did this tradition come from?

Historians believe it began with President Abraham Lincoln in 1865. Lincoln's son, Tad, became upset when he learned a turkey was to be eaten. Seeing his son's grief, Lincoln decided to spare the turkey's life. This grabbed the public's attention and was a big story.

Then, a Rhode Island poultry dealer named Horace Vose began sending turkeys to the presidents as gifts. This act turned into a tradition, with people from all over America joining in. As this custom grew, it became a symbol of goodwill and holiday spirit.

President John F. Kennedy became the first to rescue a Thanksgiving turkey. The turkey was placed by a sign reading, "Good Eating, Mr. President." Kennedy couldn't bring himself to eat it and sent him to a farm. This was the first official "presidential turkey pardon."

As more turkeys arrived at the White House, additional presidents followed Kennedy by granting pardons. First Ladies also joined the tradition by sending turkeys back to farms too. In 1989, President George H. W. Bush made turkey pardoning official.

Since then, this Thanksgiving tradition has continued with every president. The turkeys have gained fame on social media as well. These turkeys are given names like Mac and Cheese or Tater and Tot. Given its popularity, it is likely that this charming tradition will continue for many years to come.

1.  Which sentence summarizes the article?	C.  This article discusses why a turkey is pardoned at Thanksgiving each year.
2.  Which sentence summarizes Abraham Lincoln's role in the history of "turkey pardoning"?	K.  He was the first president to spare a turkey's life.
3.  Which sentence summarizes the public's reaction to turkeys being pardoned?	H.  The public loves to see the turkeys pardoned and celebrates them on social media.

Hands-On Center:

Students put each question and answer together.

CENTER 4

Sorting Game

SETTING A GOAL

...said to a woman. His friend Shelly nodded shyly beside him. ...are welcome. It's wonderful to see kids collecting for a food drive. ...talking now?" Louis' other friend, Roberto, shouted impatiently. "We have ...in line!" His tone was gruff. The lady walked into the parking lot and left. ...rude," his sister Kaylie said to him. "Based on my notes, we need 52 more bags! ...going to be able to gather that much food in one day?" Shelly whispered hesitantly. ...se will!" Louis replied with optimism. "We have to remain hopeful. Let's do it!" ...ce encouraged his friends to push on. The kids worked all evening long. But as the temperature began to drop. This added to their discomfort. ...to go home," Roberto complained, shivering. "It's so cold." His irritation was clear. ...more bags," Kaylie reminded him, focused on the goal. As the night wore on and it ...me to close up, the group realized they were seven bags short of their target. ...n!" Roberto cried, frustration evident in his voice. "Now what are we going to do?" ...pt it positive. "We gathered a lot of food," he said, recognizing their hard work. ...his was fun," Shelly said softly, her spirits lifted by the shared experience. ...hmed in, her voice filled with pride. "It really was fun! We still managed to collect 63 ...d, which is more than enough for the food donation center to accept. We should be ...e efforts." Roberto shrugged and looked at the ground. But the rest of the group ...d celebrated their hard work together.

 Louis	Place 2 character traits and proof for each one from the story in these four boxes.	Trait	Trait	Optimistic C.
 Shelly	Place 2 character traits and proof for each one from the story in these four boxes.	Trait	Logical J.	"We should be proud of our efforts." B.
 Roberto	Place 2 character traits and proof for each one from the story in these four boxes.	Trait	Trait	"Thank you for donating!" L.
 Kaylie	Place 2 character traits and proof for each one from the story in these four boxes.	Timid M.	Trait	"We need four more bags to get to 52." E.
		Proof	Proof	Supportive K.
		Proof	Proof	Thoughtful H.
		Proof	Proof	Grateful F.

Hands-On Center:

Students sort each character trait onto the correct mat.

DON'T FORGET!

PARDONING TURKEYS

Match up each question with the correct answer by coloring each match a different color.

1.  Which sentence summarizes the article?	4.  Which sentence summarizes George H. W. Bush's role in this article?	K.  He was the first president to spare a turkey's life.	D.  He began sending turkeys to presidents and their families.
2.  Which sentence summarizes Abraham Lincoln's role in the history of "turkey pardoning"?	5.  Which sentence summarizes the role of social media in the turkey pardon tradition?	F.  It has helped increase public interest in the pardoned turkeys.	E.  He was the first president to make it an official tradition.
3.  Which sentence summarizes the public's reaction to turkeys being pardoned?	6.  Which sentence summarizes the contributions of Horace Vose to the tradition?	C.  This article discusses why a turkey is pardoned at Thanksgiving each year.	H.  The public loves to see the turkeys pardoned and celebrates them on social media.

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SETTING A GOAL

Each character needs 4 boxes colored in 2 character traits and 2 sentences proving evidence of the character traits.

LOUIS RED	Impatient A. 	"We should be proud of our efforts." B. 	Optimistic C. 	"which is more than enough for the food donation center to accept!" D. 
SHELLY ORANGE	"Are we going to be able to gather that much food in one day?" E. 	"nodded shyly beside him." F. 	Grateful G. 	Thoughtful H. 
ROBERTO YELLOW	"Are we going to be able to gather that much food in one day?" I. 	"We have to remain hopeful. Let's do it!" J. 	Logical K. 	Supportive L. 
KAYLIE GREEN	Timid M. 	"Are we done talking now? We have other people in line!" O. 	"Are you done talking now? We have other people in line!" N. 	Discouraged P. 

No Prep Printable Worksheet!

CENTER 5

Right or Wrong?

RIGHT!

Place 10 footballs that are right here.

✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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WRONG!

Place 10 footballs that are wrong here.

✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

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D. Many Americans feel that football enhances their Thanksgiving celebrations.

100%

M. Thanksgiving football is not popular among families in the United States.

100%

P. The first Thanksgiving football game took place in 1920.

100%

R. The Cowboys and Lions do not play on Thanksgiving Day.

100%

S. The NFL originally organized up to six games on Thanksgiving each year.

100%

T. Football is not related to history of all until the year of 1920.

100%

Hands-On Center:

Students decide if each picture matches the word shown. Then, they sort it onto the right or wrong mat.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: A THANKSGIVING TRADITION

Using the passage, color the right statements green and the wrong statements red.

A. Watching professional football on Thanksgiving has become a popular tradition among Americans.	B. Many Americans enjoy watching football on Thanksgiving.	C. The tradition of Thanksgiving football allows families and friends to come together.	D. Only one game is played on Thanksgiving by the NFL.	E. The NFL originally organized up to six games on Thanksgiving each year.
F. The NFL was created in the late 1800s.	G. Americans have no interest in the history of Thanksgiving football.	H. The history of Thanksgiving football is an interesting aspect of the holiday.	I. The first college football game held on Thanksgiving was between Princeton and Yale in 1875.	J. The tradition of playing football on Thanksgiving is a recent phenomenon.
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No Prep Printable Worksheet!

CENTER 6

Color by Code

THANKSGIVING STATISTICS

One of the most interesting facts about Thanksgiving is **36 million turkeys are cooked and eaten in the USA**. Turkey is the most popular food, with **147 million pounds of turkey** produced each year. When it comes to dessert, the **favorite treat is pumpkin pie**. Alongside these foods, Thanksgiving is also a time for visiting loved ones. About **14.5 million Americans travel during this holiday**. You might be surprised to learn that the **average turkey costs about \$12**. This is a small piece of the **\$52 million made each year from selling turkeys**. The **Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade started in 1924**. Millions of people gather to watch this event, with **35 million people attending in person** and **50 million watching on TV**. It features giant balloons, floats, and performances. When people reflect on what they are thankful for, **the majority say family**. In fact, family is the most common answer and wealth is the least common. Food is also a huge part of this holiday. **4 out of 5 people love Thanksgiving leftovers**. **The least favorite part about Thanksgiving? When it is your turn to host!** Finally, what would Thanksgiving be without football? **Around 33 million people gather around the TV to watch their favorite teams compete**. Whether you're enjoying a delicious meal or watching a parade, Thanksgiving is a time for celebration and gratitude.

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1. Color the answer red.

2. Color the answer light blue.

3. Color the answer light green.

4. Color the answer yellow.

What is the least favorite part of Thanksgiving, according to the passage?

What is the favorite Thanksgiving dessert mentioned in the passage?

Hands-On Center:

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

THANKSGIVING STATISTICS

Read each question on the page. Color in each answer on the passage.

1. In what year did the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade first start?	2. What is the least favorite part of Thanksgiving, according to the passage?	3. How many turkeys are cooked and eaten in the United States during Thanksgiving?	4. What is the favorite Thanksgiving dessert mentioned in the passage?
5. How many Americans travel to visit loved ones during Thanksgiving?	6. How many people gather around the TV to watch football on Thanksgiving Day?	7. What is the most common thing people say they are thankful for during Thanksgiving?	8. How much money do businesses make each year from selling turkeys?
9. What is the record for the most pumpkins smashed in one minute, set by Ayda Field?	10. How much does the average turkey cost at the store?	11. How many people watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade on TV?	12. How many people attend the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in person each year?

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No Prep Printable Worksheet!

CENTER 7

Color by Code

DIRECTIONS:
Color in each part of speech according to the key.

COLOR BY CODE

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Hands-On Center:

Students color in the picture using parts of speech.

DIRECTIONS:
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COLOR BY CODE

No Prep Printable Worksheet!

CENTER 8

Write a Sentence

FOOD DRIVE

Marius was dumped in the car seat. "Mom, why do we have to go serve food at a homeless shelter on a holiday, and I was hoping to relax!"

"The community is important, Marius," his mother replied. "You'll understand once we're there."

For the rest of the car ride, staring out the window as the scenery whizzed by. When they reached the shelter, he was taken aback by the sight before him. The room was bustling with people. It was hard to believe that these people really had no home.

Who were the volunteers and who were the guests waiting in line for a warm meal?

"You can check in over here," instructed one of the volunteers, gesturing to a small desk.

After checking in, Marius and his mother were directed to the food station. As they began serving turkey, stuffing, and mashed potatoes, Marius couldn't help but complain.

"How long do we have to do this?" he whined, feeling overwhelmed by the number of people.

His mother responded calmly. "We're here to help others, and we'll keep going until everyone has their food. As time passed, Marius observed how many people smiled at him, expressing gratitude for the kindness made it difficult for him to maintain his bad mood. He asked, "Mom, do these people really not have a home?"

His mother nodded gently. "Yes, they don't have a permanent home. We're very fortunate to have food every night. It's important to recognize what we do have and share with those in need."

Marius considered her words. Helping others felt good, and the atmosphere in the shelter began to change. As the hours passed and all the food was served, he noticed that he was actually enjoying more than he had expected.

When their shift finally came to an end, they left the shelter. Marius turned to his mother with a grateful expression. "Thanks for making me come, Mom. I learned a lot today."

His mother smiled warmly. "I'm glad you understand the importance of kindness and gratitude. Marius learned the importance of giving back to the community and recognizing his own blessings."

Name: _____

FOOD DRIVE

- Why was Marius initially unhappy about going to the homeless shelter?
Marius was unhappy because he wanted to relax and enjoy the holiday rather than serve food.
- How did Marius's feelings change throughout the experience at the shelter?
Marius's feelings changed from reluctance and annoyance to enjoyment and appreciation as he realized the impact of helping others.
- What lesson did Marius learn from his mother during their time at the shelter?
Marius learned the importance of giving back to the community and recognizing his own blessings.
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Write the answers to the questions in each box in complete sentences. THE LIFETIME LEARNER

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Students write the answer to each prompt on the lines.

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FOOD DRIVE

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Sequencing Puzzles

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Students find each word in the word search.



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

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NEIGHBORHOOD FOOTBALL: MULTIPLE CHOICE

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PARDONING TURKEYS

For many years, it has been a tradition for each U.S. president to pardon a turkey from being eaten every Thanksgiving. So where did this tradition come from?

Historians believe it began with President Abraham Lincoln in 1865. Lincoln's son, Tad, became upset when he learned a turkey was to be eaten. Seeing his son's grief, Lincoln decided to spare the turkey's life. This grabbed the public's attention and was a big story.

Then, a Rhode Island poultry dealer named Horace Vose began sending turkeys to the presidents as gifts. This act turned into a tradition, with people from all over America joining in. As this custom grew, it became a symbol of goodwill and holiday spirit.

President John F. Kennedy became the first to rescue a Thanksgiving turkey. The turkey was placed by a sign reading, "Good Eating, Mr. President." Kennedy couldn't bring himself to eat it and sent him to a farm. This was the first official "presidential turkey pardon."

As more turkeys arrived at the White House, additional presidents followed Kennedy by granting pardons. First Ladies also joined the tradition by sending turkeys back to farms too. In 1989, President George H. W. Bush made turkey pardoning official.

Since then, this Thanksgiving tradition has continued with every president. The turkeys have gained fame on social media as well. These turkeys are given names like Mac and Cheese or Tater and Tot. Given its popularity, it is likely that this charming tradition will continue for many years to come.

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1.  Which sentence summarizes the article?

C.  This article discusses why a turkey is pardoned at Thanksgiving each year.

2.  Which sentence summarizes Abraham Lincoln's role in the history of "turkey pardoning"?

K.  He was the first president to spare a turkey's life.

3.  Which sentence summarizes the public's reaction to turkeys being pardoned?

H.  The public loves to see the turkeys pardoned and celebrates them on social media.

What Skills are Included?

Reading Skills:

- Character Traits
- Context Clues
- Point of View
- Sequencing
- Summarizing
- Paragraph Writing
- Text Evidence
- Parts of Speech

NEIGHBORHOOD FOOTBALL

"Here I come!" Jasper bellowed, racing toward the endzone, gripping the football tightly in his hands. It was the day before Thanksgiving, and the neighborhood was alive with excitement. Jasper's family and neighbors had gathered in the cul-de-sac for their annual football game. It was a spirited tradition that had everyone eager to participate.

Jasper's friend, Markel, darted by with a determined look. "You're not scoring this time, Jasper!" he taunted. Jasper shot him a mischievous grin. "We'll see about that."

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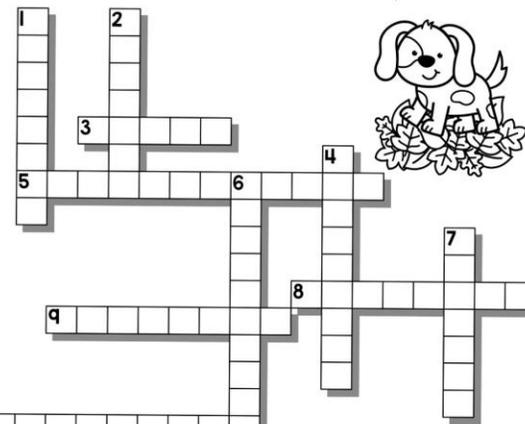
Vanessa did not particularly enjoy Thanksgiving. Her home would become overwhelmed with her rowdy cousins, aunts, and uncles. It created an uproar that drowned out any appearance of peace. She would have preferred a tranquil day spent in a quiet environment. However, her parents insisted that she join the festivities rather than retreat to her room.

"Hey, do you want to play a game with us?" her cousin, Toby, asked eagerly.

Vanessa grimaced at the idea. "No, I'm going to take Buttons outside." She grabbed her dog Buttons' leash and

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Place the words in the correct spaces on the crossword puzzle.



Across

3. Loud and full of energy, sometimes causing trouble.
4. Feeling really frustrated or annoyed.
5. Walking quickly and confidently.
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7. To gather or come together as a group.

Down

1. Shouted or yelled in a loud voice.
2. Feeling like you want something that someone else has.
4. A lot of noise and activity that causes confusion.

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL: A THANKSGIVING TRADITION

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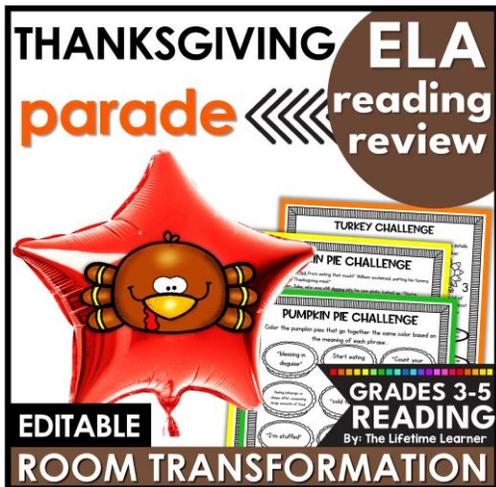
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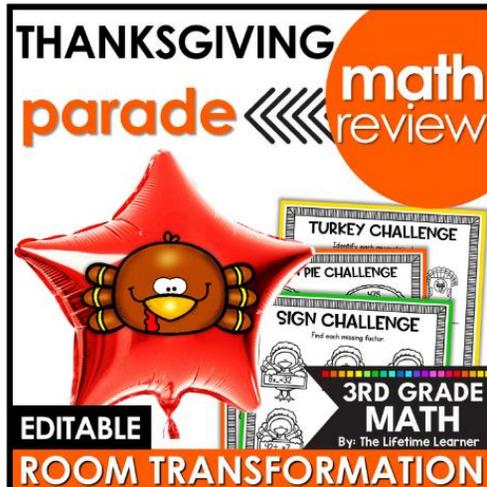
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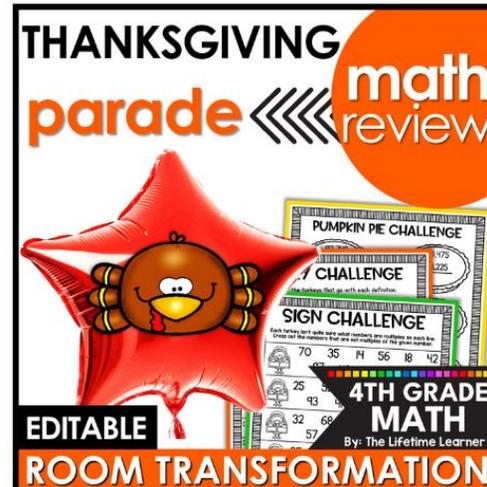
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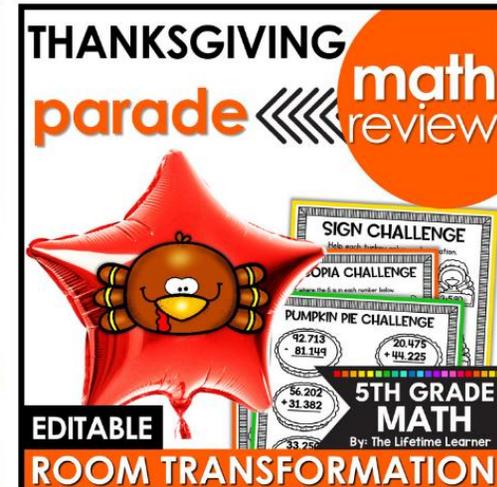
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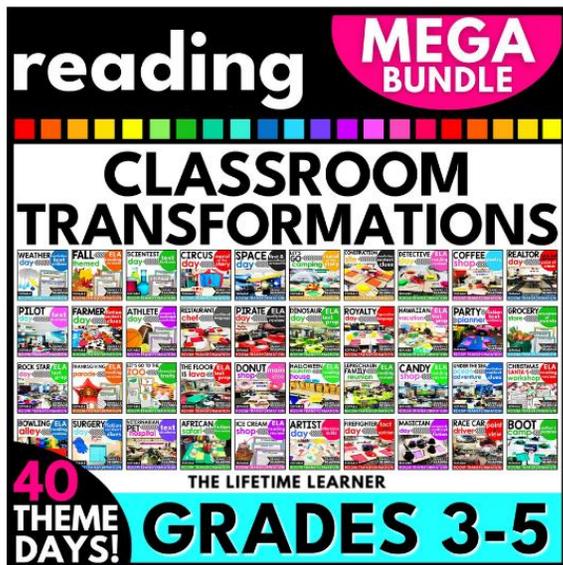
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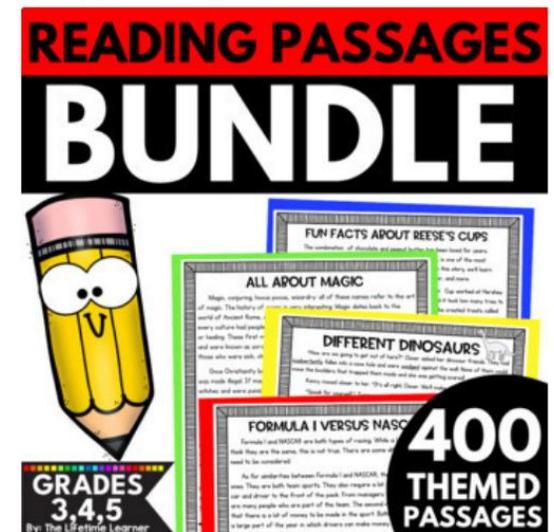
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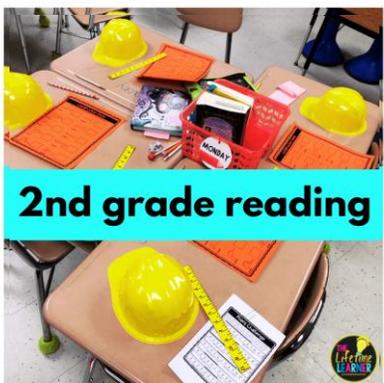
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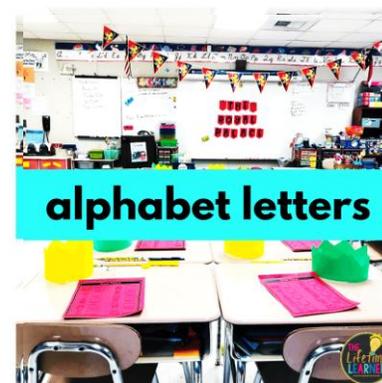
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