

# WHAT IS THIS?

It's a low-prep room transformation!



Use the 10 reading stations, included decor, and more for a fun & easy room transformation!

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**FAN IN THE CROWD**

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This themed learning day has 10 stations that all practice point of view by figuring out what character is telling each story. You can use 1, 5, or all 10--it's flexible!

Room transformations can be stress-free and low-prep.

Keep scrolling to learn how!



# Let's start with the basics...

## What is a classroom transformation?

A classroom transformation changes your room into a certain setting or theme to engage students in their own learning with rigorous content.



Donut Shop Day



Rock Star Day



Camping Day

You don't have to spend hours of your time setting up a room transformation or spend lots of money to make it **SO MUCH FUN!**

# THE CONTENT:

It's Race Day! Students figure out which character is telling each story!

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There are 10 characters watching a big race take place. Each story tells the same event from a different point of view! Students look at the 10 character cards and figure out who is telling each story.

2 versions of each story are included so you can differentiate for different reading levels!



# STEP 1:

Tell your class they are race car drivers today!

They will complete point of view activities set up around the room. You can do this for a day, a few days, or over the course of a week!



Flexibility is key.

Need to modify? No problem!  
Choose how many centers students will need to complete and what time frame they have to meet YOUR needs.



Set-up is quick and easy.

Simply print the posters, 10 activities, and a recording sheet for each student. Place them around your room and you're ready to begin!



# STEP 2:

Let students move around the room and complete each station. They read a passage and then try to figure out which character is telling each story. They can be completed in any order. All stations include a fiction point of view story. You can choose just a few for students to complete or use all 10. This is up to the teacher and the amount of time you'd like to fill.

## Optional Recording Sheet

When a student finishes a center, you sign that spot on their recording sheet to keep track of what they've completed.

## Freedom to choose.

Students can work in partners, rotations, groups, or independently. Your choice!

**Race Car Day**

Center #1  Center #6   
Center #2  Center #7   
Center #3  Center #8   
Center #4  Center #9   
Center #5  Center #10

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

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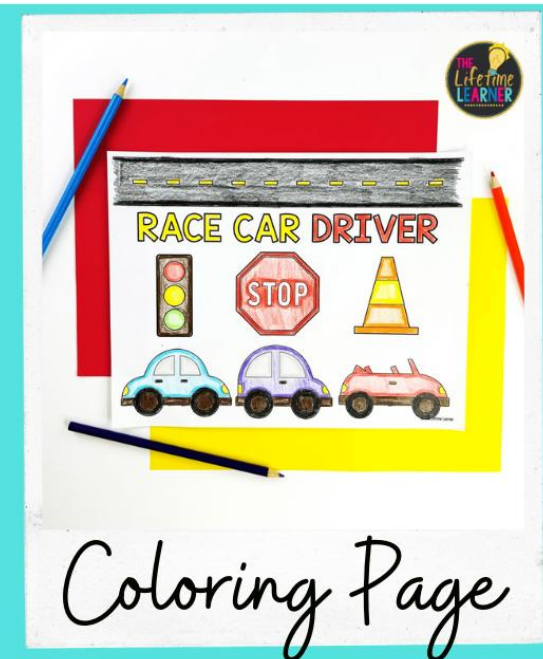
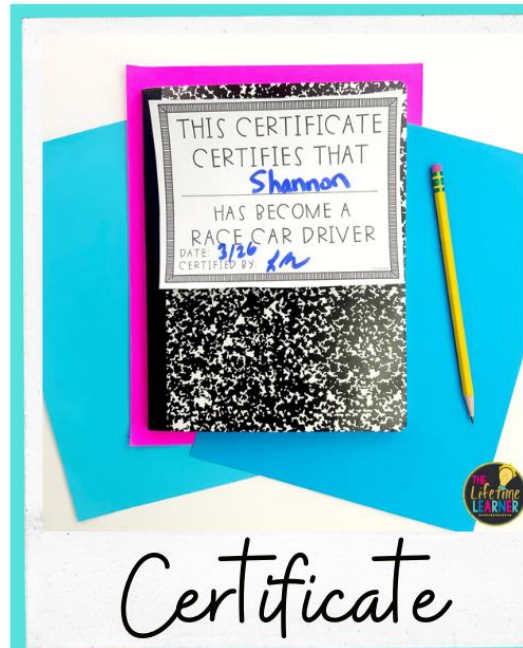
# STEP 3:

When students finish all activities you've assigned, they win! You can give them the included certificate, coloring page, or a small prize of your choice.

A shopping guide is also included to give you suggestions of optional "extras" you could add in.

## Remember:

Anything different from a "normal" day in the classroom is special to students! A reward at the end isn't required during a classroom transformation.



# STEP 4:

Most of the time, there are early finishers. These kiddos get to go around the room and read fun facts about the topic! No one is ever bored.

## Choose from 3 versions!

### Digital Scavenger Hunt

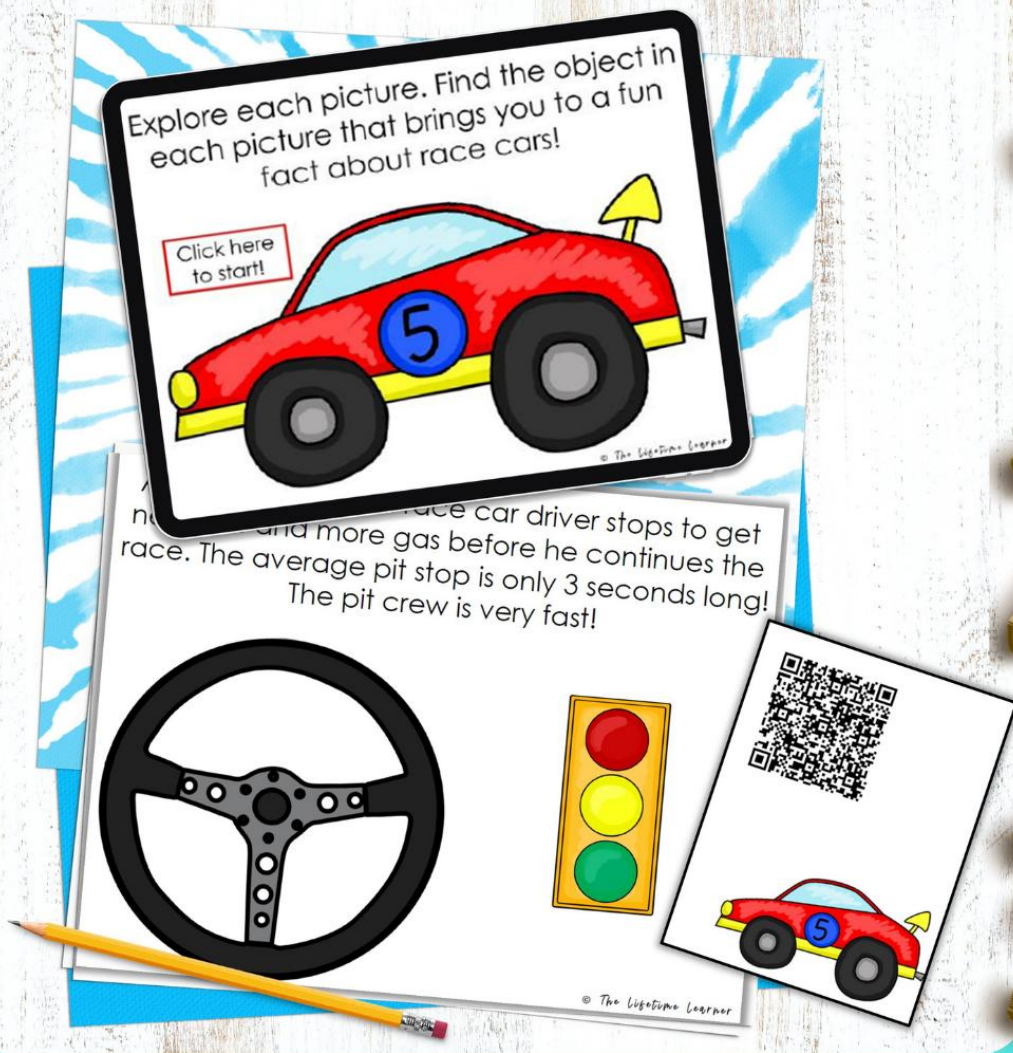
*Let students "find" the facts on Google Slides*

### Printable Facts

*Hang facts around room*

### QR Codes

*Students scan to read fun facts*



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# 10 READING COMPREHENSION POINT OF VIEW PASSAGES

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## STORY #2

As you read the story, think about which character's point of view it is being told from. Write down clues that prove it.

Sandra and Misty sat in their front row seats as the checkered flag was raised.

"I'm so nervous," said Sandra. She had done this many times before. Still, it never

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"Ladies and gentleman, welcome to the race of the year! This year, Alan Michaels takes on the new driver Danny Write!" a loud voice boomed from the reporting booth.

"And they're off!" the man in the booth shouted. The man shared information with the crowd. Most fans tuned him out, but a pair of women in the front row hung on his every word, especially when he was talking about car 144.

He was concerned when car 144 spun out of control after a blowout. "Look at

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A kid leaned against the fence around the track. "He looks so cool in his suit!"

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"Go, go, go!" he shouted, but his attention turned to a worm that was climbing up his foot. "Good morning, Mr. Worm! Do you want car 144 to win, too?" he asked.

Al and the worm had a delightful time playing while the cars zoomed around the track. He was having so much fun playing that he almost missed the tire blowout on car

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## STORY #5

As you read the story, think about which character's point of view it is being told from. Write down clues that prove it.

Danny Write was confident in car 129. As the newest kid on the track, he enjoyed the crowd. He let himself be distracted by the people in the stands for a moment.

He saw a few ladies in the front row. One was busy biting her nails. "I wonder who

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Roger was getting old, and even he knew it. "I'm going to try one last race," he said.

Car 209 would get him to the finish. Roger knew he hadn't been doing well lately, but maybe he could change things today.

## STORY #7

As you read the story, think about which character's point of view it is being told from. Write down clues that prove it.

"This car is a beauty," thought Joel. He gave it one last check before the race. Joel had spent months fine-tuning the Chevy Camaro ZL 1. He thought it was the best car.

"That engine will get him where he needs to go," thought Joel. He chuckled that Al had insisted he could never have a green race car. Joel promised him no green cars.

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## STORY #8

As you read the story, think about which character's point of view it is being told from. Write down clues that prove it.

"I love race day," the Ford Mustang GT sang, as its engine purred happily. Although he was happy every day, he was especially cheerful on race day. "My tank is filled up. I

**focuses on:  
point of view**

# 2 Versions of Every Passage Included for Students

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As Alan drove on, he passed many cars. "They better speed up!" He passed car 209. Suddenly, he felt his tire blow out. He was spinning toward a wall but stopped just in time.

"Ugh!" he thought. Alan wasn't sure how he could finish the race now. But he looked on in awe as his red-haired friend came over quickly and slapped new tires on his car.

Once again, he could take off. He caught up to the pack. Alan was feeling good with three laps to go. "I can almost taste the prize," Alan thought.

Then, he looked in his side mirror. Someone was right next to him. "Uh-oh, that young guy is trying to beat me." He tried to speed up, but the car next to him didn't fall behind.

"Do it for Al," he thought, just as his car rocked toward the finish line. The race ended, and a hush fell over the crowd. The officials were studying the photo results.

Then, the announcer said, "Alan Michaels wins the day!"

From his car, sweaty and tired, Alan grinned. "I did it again!" he thought as he exited the car happily, pumping his fist in the air.

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## STORY #10

As you read the story, think about which character's point of view it is being told from. Write down clues that prove it.

Mark sat in front of the track. He wore a coat with number 144 on it.

"I can't wait to see how this goes," he thought. "We have been through so much, especially in the last few weeks. It is time for him to shine."

Mark held his breath when it began. This was the time to see if the hard work had paid off. For the most part, he was pleased with what he saw.

"Oh no! He's sliding!" Mark said as he watched car 144. They had trained for this a lot, just in case. It looked like it was time well spent when the tire blew and the racecar did not hit the wall. "Good boy," Mark mumbled. He watched the pit crew rush out to fix the car. In just moments, the car was able to zoom off. "Make your move!" Mark watched the photo finish. It was close, but Mark had a good feeling. He knew it would be okay.

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Mark sat in front of the track, wearing a coat with the number 144 on it.

"I can't wait to see what this man comes up with today," he thought. "We have been through so much together, especially in the last few weeks. It is time for him to shine."

Mark held his breath when the cars started racing. They had put in the preparation. This was the time to see if it had paid off. The race continued, with Mark muttering under his breath. For the most part, he was pleased with what he saw.

"Oh no! He's sliding and spinning!" Mark said as he watched car 144. They had practiced for this a lot, just in case the problem occurred in real life. It looked like it was time well spent when the tire blew and the racecar did not hit the wall.

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

# HOW TO USE THIS:

## Ideas for Implementation:

- pick and choose the centers you want to use: do what works best for your class!
- give less than 10 centers to students if you are short on time
- give students the whole day to complete all 10 centers/activities OR spread the room transformation out over a couple of days
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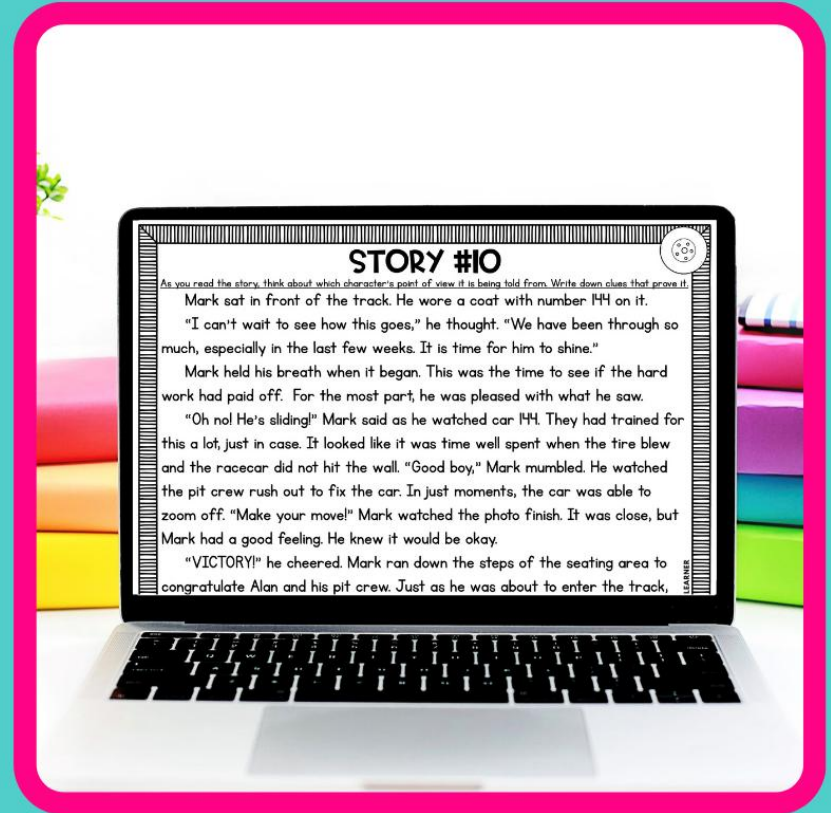
The pit crew raced to the scene to solve the problem. Later in the morning, after Al ate goldfish crackers and string cheese, one race car driver even said hello to him as he walked by. Alan Jr. wondered why that driver wasn't in his car anymore.

Time passed. His favorite racer was still near the front. "You can do it! I believe in you!" Al shouted. He watched as the checkered flag signaled the last lap. Car 144 and car 129 were right next to each other. He waited for the screen to flash the name Alan Michaels. When it did, he cheered, "Yippeel! That's my dad!"

# PRINT & DIGITAL



Print & Go



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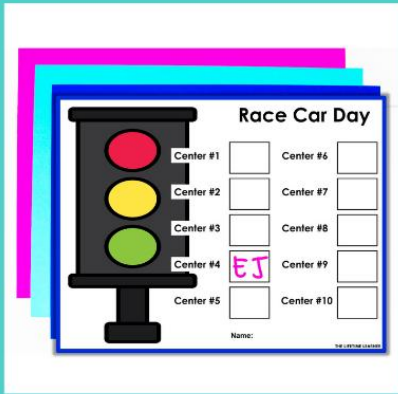
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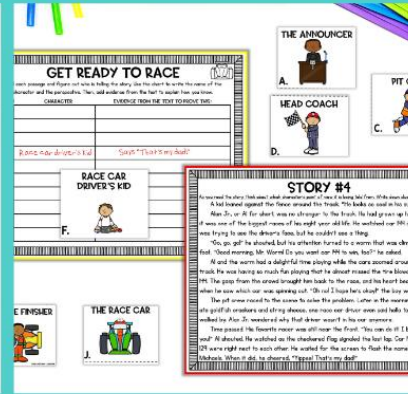
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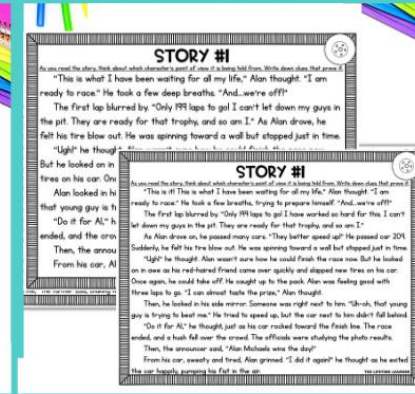
Recording Sheets



10 Stories to Read



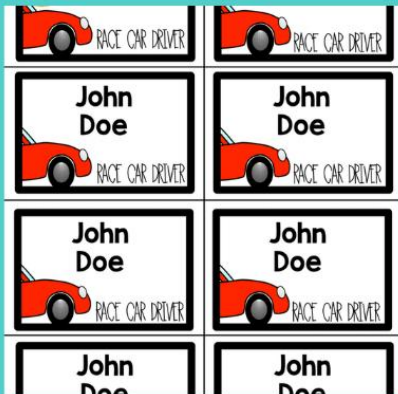
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2 Versions of Passages & Activities



Printable Hats



Name Tags



Coloring Page



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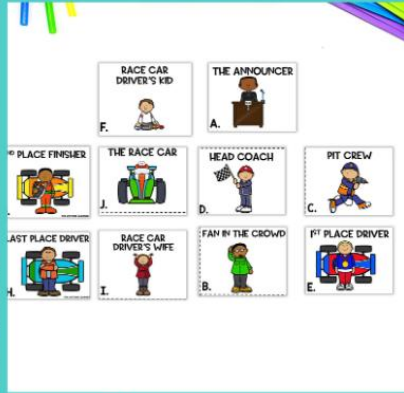
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# WHAT'S INCLUDED?



Welcome Slide



Character Task Cards



Banner



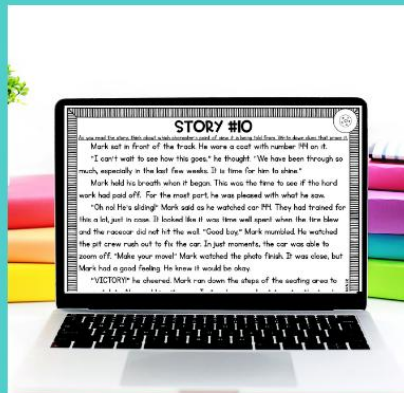
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Shopping Guide



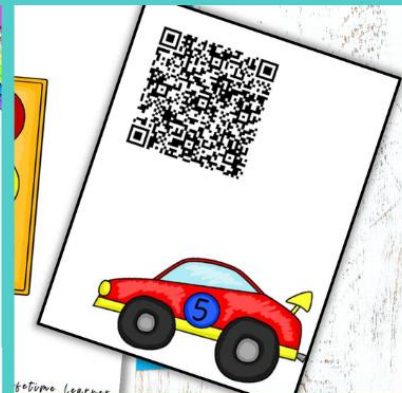
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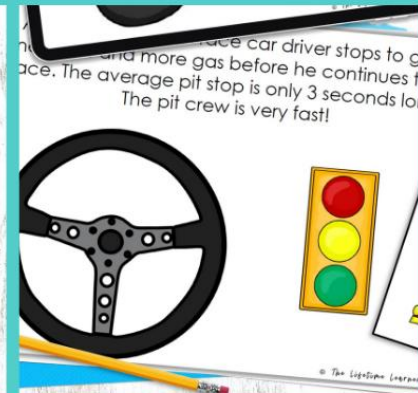
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Answer Keys



QR Codes




Fun Facts

jam-packed with fun, rigor, and engagement!

# other resources this pairs well with:

Add in even more reading passages with an add-on pack!

Or, mix some math into your themed learning day!



**RACE CAR driver** ADD-ON PACK

WHAT IS THE DAYTONA 500?  
THE HISTORY OF NASCAR  
DANICA PATRICK

EDITABLE  
READING PASSAGES

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**RACE CAR driver** fractions on number lines

3.NF.2

EDITABLE  
ROOM TRANSFORMATION

3RD GRADE MATH  
By: The Lifetime Learner



**RACE CAR driver** add & subtract fractions

4.NF.3

EDITABLE  
ROOM TRANSFORMATION

4TH GRADE MATH  
By: The Lifetime Learner



**RACE CAR driver** add & subtract decimals

5.NBT.7

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ROOM TRANSFORMATION

5TH GRADE MATH  
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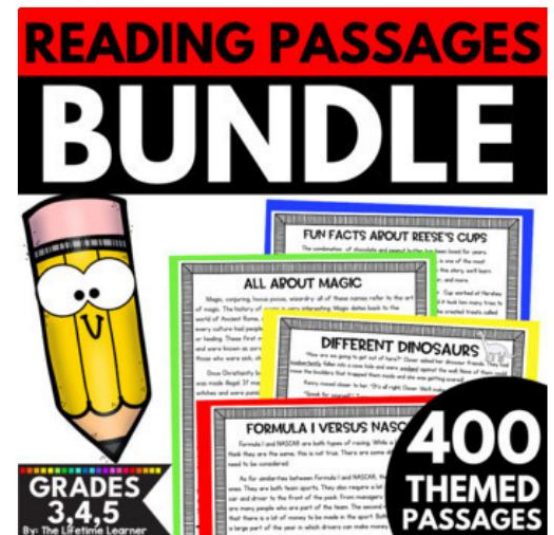
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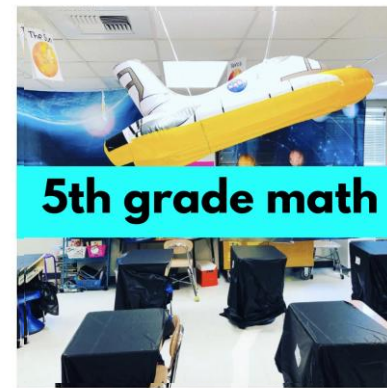
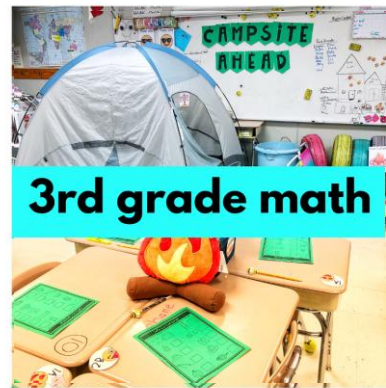
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# classroom transformations

## low prep, fun, and engaging!



# K-5 MATH & READING



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3. Print and Digital Compatible
4. Jam-Packed with Content
5. Aligned to Reading Standards
6. Easy to Implement
7. Flexible for Every Classroom
8. Versatile Ways to Reward Students
9. Rigorous Student Learning Activities

**All content is included** so you can simply **print**  
**and get ready** for an **AMAZING** experience  
**with your students!**



# Please Note:

- **There are 10 reading challenges provided as well as décor, a fast finisher activity, and additional extras.**
- **The digital version is provided in Google Slides.**
- **Nervous about trying your first room transformation? You'll be hooked once you try one! I promise!**
- **Feel free to contact me if you have questions or want to chat about room transformations. You can email me at [lindsaythelifetimelearner@gmail.com](mailto:lindsaythelifetimelearner@gmail.com)**