

READING

task cards

Is Passage 1 a firsthand or secondhand account?

SIMONE BILES AT 2021 OLYMPICS
Simone Biles decided to leave the 2020 Olympics to protect her mental health. She says she experienced a symptom lots of gymnastics experts call "burnout." It can be dangerous and it was a serious injury. She did not compete that day.

NEVER SAW IT COMING: (PASSAGE 1)
I was so excited! My favorite gymnast was competing in the Olympics today. I was watching and waiting. I knew it was never going to happen. An alternative to what she competed in Simone's place. I never understand what was happening.

#1

THE LIFETIME LEARNER
What causes comets to change directions?

Comets are made out of dust and ice. They come from two different places: the Kuiper Belt and the Oort Cloud. Why do comets come to our solar system from these places? Because when comets fly too close to each other, it causes them to change directions.

#16

What text feature is this?

PERCENTAGE OF AMERICANS WHO IDENTIFIED AS GAY IN 2010



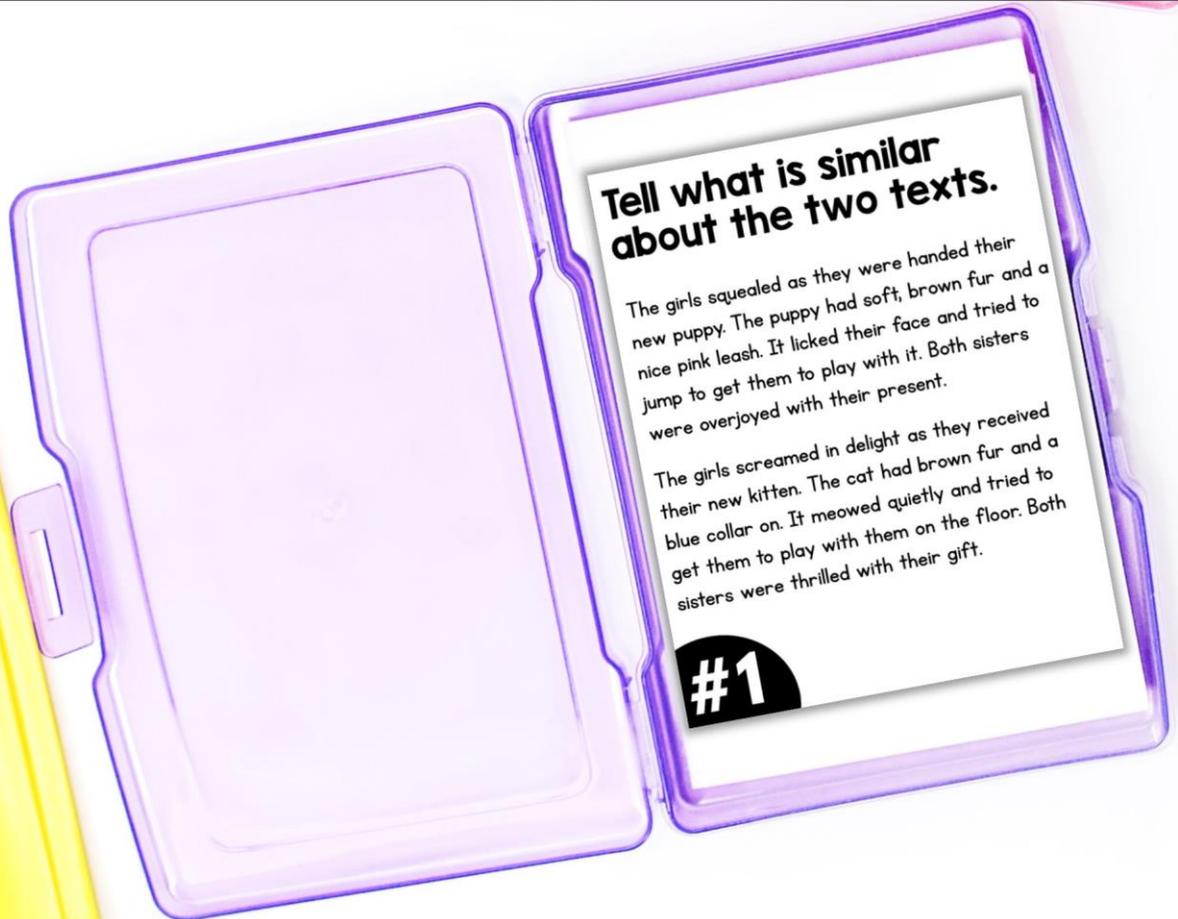
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NONFICTION BUNDLE

WHAT IS THIS?

There are 10 sets of nonfiction task cards included that help students practice a variety of skills.



This bundle includes:

- **Author's Purpose**
- **Cause and Effect**
- **Identify Text Features**
- **Identify Text Structures**
- **Main Idea**
- **Compare & Contrast**
- **Nonfiction Context Clues**
- **Nonfiction Text Evidence**
- **Sequence of Events**
- **First & Secondhand Accounts**

easy to use

What text structure is used in the paragraph below?

Have you ever wanted to learn to ride a bike? First, choose a bike that fits you best, then put on a helmet. Find a flat surface to climb onto your bike. After that, test the hand-brakes of your bike and put one foot on the ground. When you lift your foot up, start gliding and slowly rotate the pedals. When you are ready to stop, press the brakes and use your feet to help guide you to a stop.

#14

Sequencing

What do alligators and crocodiles have in common?

Many people confuse alligators and crocodiles as the same species. While they are similar to each other in size and behavior, they are still different species with many noticeable differences. Alligators are a dark green or black color while crocodiles are light green or brown. Crocodiles are also larger than alligators by about 3 feet. Additionally, crocodiles have a much more powerful bite! However, both species are equally dangerous, so it is best to avoid both.

#5



Recording Sheet

recording sheet &
answer key included

#1	#2	#3	#4
#5	#6 <i>Second-hand</i>	#7	
#9	#10	#11	
#13	#14	#15	
#17	#18	#19	
#21	#22	#23	#24

Is Passage 2 a firsthand or secondhand account?

A GRIM SIGHT (PASSAGE 1)

I couldn't believe the sight in front of me. At 4AM, we pulled up in front of last known position of the gigantic ship. A green flare shot into the sky from a lifeboat and we knew where the survivors were located. By 8:30, all the survivors were on board. We shared our ship with the passengers the best we could and started the journey back to New York. We had only left the city seven days prior. This was not our original plan.

THE SINKING OF THE TITANIC (PASSAGE 2)

The Titanic sank in the early morning of April 15, 1922. It was carrying approximately 2,000 people onboard. Sadly, only 706 people survived the terrible accident. The Carpathia ship had received alerts from the Titanic that it was in distress but the Carpathia was not able to get there before the boat had submerged.

#6



Nonfiction Context Clues

Decide which definition goes with each unfamiliar word.
Each definition will only be used once. Every definition will be used.

- A. Existing or occurring before in time
- B. Strange or odd
- C. Feel sick
- D. Intense, harsh
- E. Empty
- F. Very brave
- G. Settled land
- H. Lucky
- I. Have rough and sharp points**
- J. Make something
- K. Extremely angry
- L. Withstand the effects of
- M. Great value
- N. Being passed down and
- O. Capable of bending easily
- P. Having a strong effect
- Q. Walk with difficulty
- R. Sequence of events performed regularly
- S. Easily broken or damaged
- T. Absolutely necessary
- U. In poor condition, lack of care
- V. Land with fruit trees
- W. Unable to be seen
- X. Not showing feelings of superiority



**recording sheet,
definition list, &
answer key included**

**Tell the meaning of
the underlined word.**

Towards Afghanistan,
there is a line of jagged
ridges. They have rough
and spiky edges.

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#12

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