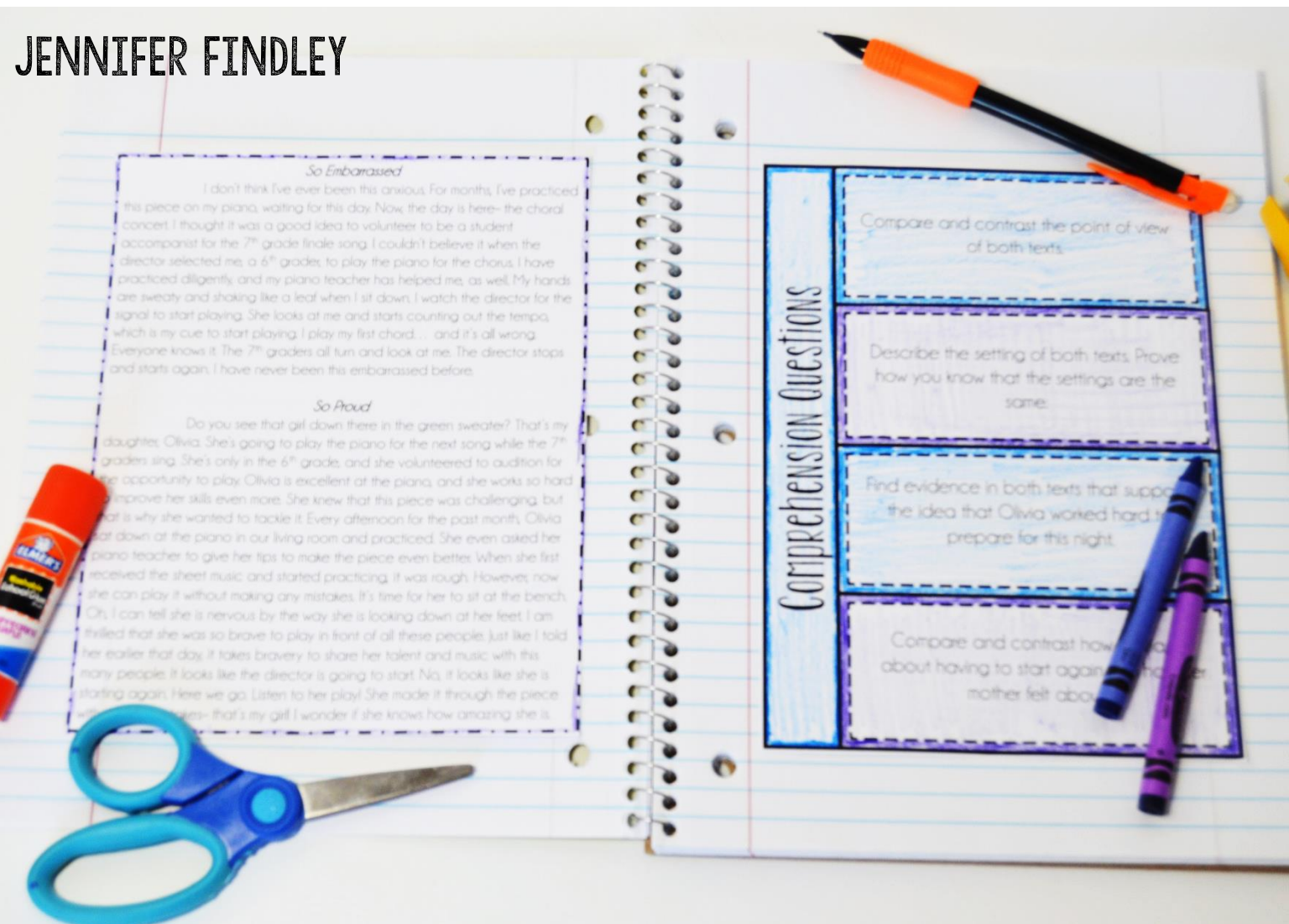


PAIRED TEXTS

Interactive Notebook

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4TH AND 5TH GRADE

About this Freebie

This freebie includes 1 set of paired texts with accompanying text-dependent questions and an extended writing prompt.

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Each set of texts in the COMPLETE resource includes the following:

- 2 connected texts (paragraph length) in an interactive notebook printing style
- a foldable interactive notebook template with four text-dependent questions that require the students to analyze and comprehend both texts
- an extended writing prompt that requires the students to apply details to write either a short story, narrative, persuasive, or informational essay.
- answer keys for the four text-dependent questions

Read

R

Read both texts.

E

Explain the connection between the two texts.

A

Analyze the texts for similarities and differences.

D

Determine the answers to the questions.

Informational Passages

CLOSE READING STEPS

1ST READ:

Read both texts. Summarize the key information and details presented in the texts.

2ND READ:

How are the two texts connected? Think about the main ideas and key details from both texts. How are these ideas connected to each other?

3RD READ:

How are the texts the same? How are they different? Include specific examples from the texts to support your thinking.

Directions: Cut out the texts, and glue them to your notebook.

Tiny Helpers

Bacteria are microscopic cells that are everywhere. You can only see them with a microscope, but even though bacteria are very tiny, they are very important. Certain bacteria can live in harsh conditions, like the very acidic and hostile environment in your stomach and intestine. Bacteria that live in your stomach and intestine are not harmful to you. In fact, you need them! These bacteria help to digest your food and fend off any bad bacteria that may make you sick. Having plenty of good bacteria in your gut can help assure that there is simply no more space for bad bacteria to set up camp. Thankfully, these tiny fighters and food digesters are around to keep your body healthy!

A "Little" Sick

Bacteria are single celled organisms. These tiny microorganisms are everywhere, and some of them can make you sick. Bacteria like streptococcus can cause strep throat. Bacteria like salmonella can make you very sick to your stomach. These bacteria love getting into a human host, and once they are there, they start growing. Bacteria can double in number quickly, and then double again. Soon enough, they are taking over the body and making the human sick. Without help from antibiotics that help kill the bad bacteria, bacteria illnesses can be serious or even deadly. To keep these bacteria out of you, wash your hands and steer clear of sick friends.

Directions: Cut out the template. Glue the narrow tab to your notebook paper. Cut the three inner lines to create four flaps. Answer the questions under the flaps.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS	<p>Compare and contrast the viewpoints of both texts in regards to bacteria.</p>
	<p>Find evidence in both texts that supports the idea that bacteria are very small.</p>
	<p>Both texts provided examples of different bacteria. Which text provided negative examples, and which provided positive examples?</p>
	<p>Bacteria can also be found in the yogurt we eat. Which text would include information about this type of bacteria? Explain the reason for your choice.</p>

Comprehension Questions Answer Key

Question	Answer
<p>Compare and contrast the viewpoints of both texts in regards to bacteria.</p>	<p><i>Tiny Helpers</i> has a positive viewpoint of bacteria while <i>A "Little" Sick</i> has a negative viewpoint.</p>
<p>Find evidence in both texts that supports the idea that bacteria are very small.</p>	<p><i>Tiny Helpers</i>: Bacteria are microscopic cells that are everywhere. You can only see them with a microscope, but even though bacteria are very tiny. . .</p> <p><i>A "Little" Sick</i>: These tiny microorganisms are everywhere. . .</p>
<p>Both texts provided examples of different bacteria. Which text provided negative examples, and which provided positive examples?</p>	<p><i>Tiny Helpers</i> provided examples of bacteria that were positive, while <i>A "Little" Sick</i> provided examples that were negative.</p>
<p>Bacteria can also be found in the yogurt we eat. Which text would include information about this type of bacteria? Explain the reason for your choice.</p>	<p>It would be included in <i>Tiny Helpers</i> because this type of bacteria is not harmful or negative.</p>

Writing Prompt

Use the information in the text to write an essay comparing and contrasting the different types of bacteria in the world.

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