

# TEXT EVIDENCE

## USING INFORMATIONAL TEXT

### PASSAGES, TASK CARDS, AND GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS


#### TECHNICAL TEXT: HOW TO MAKE A FOSSIL CAST

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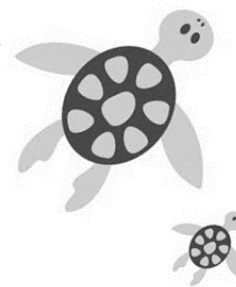
Fossils are the preserved remains of plants or animals. The plant and animal remains must be at least 10,000 years old to be considered a fossil. There are two kinds of fossils, body fossils, and trace fossils. Body fossils, like bones, teeth, shells, and wood, are made from an actual plant or animal. Trace fossils are made from animal tracks, egg shells, nests, burrows,

#### SCIENTIFIC TEXT: SEA TURTLES

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For what reason were jeans popular with miners?  
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List one reason that volcanoes are so dangerous.  
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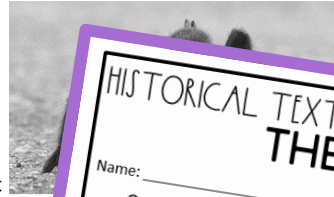
# 10 TEXT EVIDENCE PASSAGES TO SCAFFOLD LEARNING

3 Color-Coding  
7 Open-Ended

## SCIENTIFIC TEXT: TARANTULAS

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

Many people are afraid of tarantulas. They may be fearful because of the tarantula's size or its hairy body and legs. These creatures can be quite large for spiders. Some tarantulas are as big as your hand. Others, such as the Goliath, are twelve inches (30 cm.) wide. The Goliath is a bird-eating tarantula that lives in South America.



nocturnal and eat anything from insects, other spiders, and small mammals. A tarantula is ready to eat the animal unable to move. It uses its mouthparts to liquefy its food into a liquid so the tarantula can eat it.

They dig underground in burrows, tarantulas have a hole in the bark of a tree trunk. The tarantula enters the entrance of its hole and lets the tarantula breathe.

They are generally a shy creature. If you run away, they might frighten them. Some tarantulas have long front legs. Some tarantulas irritate them and some tarantulas bite. But its bite is not dangerous.

They do not have a sense of touch on the outside. They dig for its exoskeleton. Some tarantulas come the spider's body twenty times in its life.

## SCIENTIFIC TEXT: SEA TURTLES

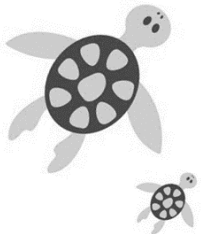
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Among all the world's animals, the sea turtle is one of the Earth's most ancient creatures. The seven species of sea turtles have been around for millions of years, since the time of the dinosaurs.

Sea turtles are somewhat different from their land dwelling counterparts. Sea turtles have streamlined bodies, which make them able to glide through the water. Their legs and head do not retract (go into) their shells as land turtles do. Depending on their species, sea turtles can be yellowish, black, or green.

Sea turtles like warm water and can be found in many places throughout the world. They migrate hundreds of miles to find places to lay their eggs and to find food. Most sea turtles have long migrations, some as far as 1,400 miles (2,253 km), to travel to their feeding grounds and the beaches where they nest.

Sea turtles spend most of their lives in the water. Scientists are constantly trying to gain more information about what sea turtles do. One thing that they do know is that green sea turtles feed on jellyfish. A green sea turtle takes five minutes to eat a jellyfish.



## HISTORICAL TEXT: THE WRIGHT BROTHERS

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

Orville and Wilbur Wright were brothers who were born four years apart. Wilbur was born in 1867, and Orville was born in 1871. They also had two other brothers and a sister. Their father was a bishop in their church, so they moved around a lot. Both parents encouraged them to read and to learn about the world.



One day their father gave them a flying toy made of paper, cork, and bamboo. They played with it so much that they broke it, but it inspired them to promise each other that one day they would fly themselves.

Throughout their childhood, the boys continued to be interested in mechanical things and flight. Orville decided to sell kites at school to make money. Wilbur read everything he could find about how birds flew and machines worked. As the brothers became adults, they opened a bicycle shop. While they were young, their mother was the one in the family who fixed things, so both brothers learned to be skilled mechanics from their mother. The brothers could fix almost anything anyone asked them to fix. While working in the bicycle shop, the idea of designing an airplane was born.

In the early 1900s, many people were interested in the possibility of flight, but most were focused on gliders. The Wright Brothers experimented with the possibility of flight using a light but powerful engine. Taking their profits from the bicycle shop, they started testing their airplane invention at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, located in a windy area in the country.

On December 17, 1903, the Wright Brothers made the first successful historic airplane flight, with Orville piloting the plane (called 'the Flyer') and Wilbur running alongside the plane at the wing tip. This first flight was only 120 feet long (37 meters) and lasted 12 seconds at a speed of only 6.8 miles (10.9 km) per hour. It was recorded in a famous photograph.

Over the next few years, the Wright Brothers continued to develop their aircraft and received their first patent in 1904. By 1908, Wilbur had made over 100 flights. He set a record in France with his longest one, at 2 hours and 19 minutes.

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## ALL ABOUT TIGERS

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

① Tigers live in Southeast Asia, China, and Eastern Russia. They can live in a variety of habitats, including evergreen forests, woodlands, mangrove swamps, grasslands, savannahs, and rocky areas. They prefer to live near water, where they find prey. They also live in areas with plants that camouflage their stripes.



② The tiger is the largest member of the cat family. Tigers weigh 170 - 570 pounds and can grow up to 7 to 12 feet long. They use large front paws and long sharp claws to capture prey. They also scratch trees to mark their territory. Most tigers have an orange, white, and black pattern of stripes, but some are black with tan stripes, and others are white with tan stripes. One interesting fact is that each tiger has a unique set of stripes.

③ Tigers are nocturnal. They are powerful predators who usually hunt at night.



# 32 TASK CARDS FOR FOCUSED PRACTICE

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**Name a reason the Pony Express delivered mail in the 1860s.**

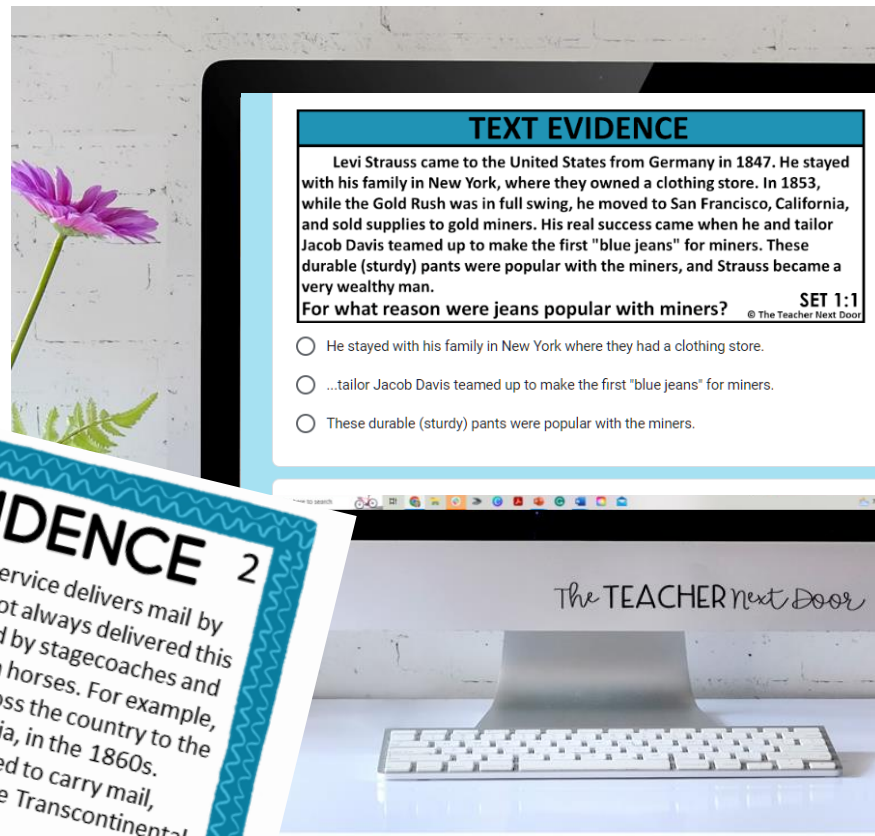
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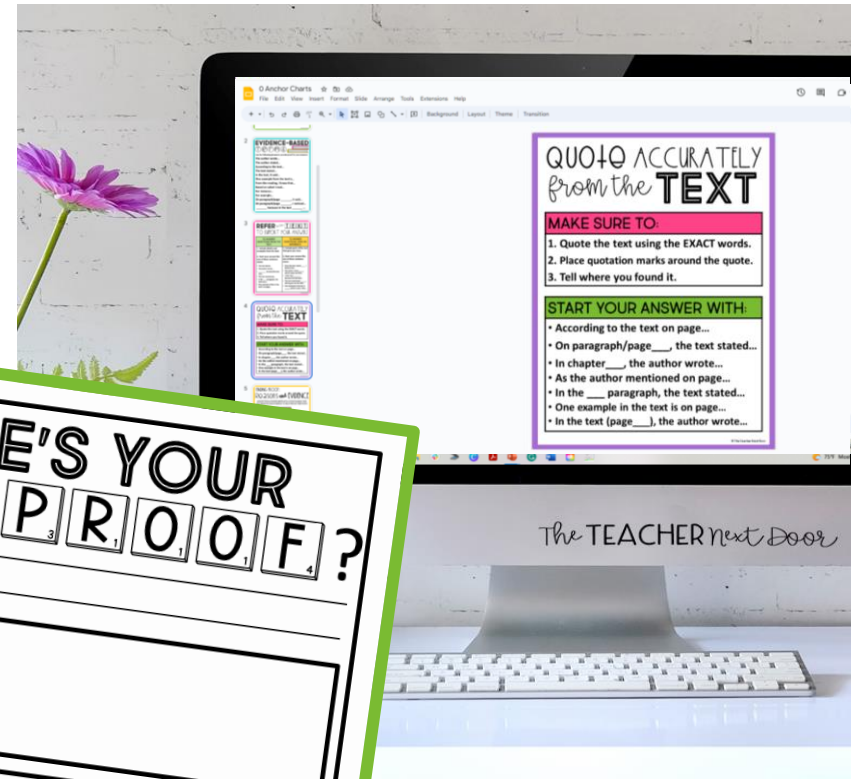
- Small groups/partners
- Whole Class Games
- Scoot/Scavenger Hunts

# GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS AND ANCHOR CHARTS FOR EXTRA PRACTICE

7 Anchor Charts

7 Graphic Organizers

For any nonfiction text



## EVIDENCE-BASED

TERMS 

Use the following phrases to provide proof for your answers:

The author wrote...

The author stated...

According to the text...

The text stated...

In the text, it said...

One example from the text is...

From the reading, I know that...

Based on what I read...

For instance...

For example...

On paragraph/page \_\_\_\_\_, it said...

On paragraph/page \_\_\_\_\_, I noticed...

\_\_\_\_\_ because in the text \_\_\_\_\_ ...

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## WHERE'S YOUR PROOF?

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

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

QUESTION:

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## QUOTE accurately from the **T E X T**

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

RESTATE AND ANSWER THE QUESTION

## CITING TEXT EVIDENCE

1. Tell where you found the information.
2. Use the author's exact words.
3. Use quotation marks.
4. Use a sentence starter:
  - According to the text...
  - On page \_\_\_\_\_, the author stated...
  - The author wrote...
  - As the text states...

## TECHNICAL TEXT: MAKING A PERISCOPE

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

Periscopes were invented to be able to see things from a hidden position. Simon Lake invented the periscope in 1902, and it was perfected by Simon Grubb. Starting in World War One, periscopes played an important role for soldiers in the trenches because they allowed soldiers to see things they couldn't see safely using their own eyes. They were also extremely helpful for submarines, allowing sailors to see in all directions while underwater. Periscopes were used for more than 50 years as a submarine's only way to see until the military-installed underwater television on the nuclear-powered submarine, the USS Nautilus.

Today, periscopes are used mainly for fun! You can learn to make a periscope by following some basic steps.

Materials:



## Ideal for:

- Whole group practice
- Small groups/partners
- Reading Centers

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(Kathleen R.)

Love using this to give my students extra practice on finding text evidence.  
(Mindi G.)

My students were engaged with the topic and content of the texts.  
(Jeanne S.)

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(Gabriela V.)





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**MAIN IDEA**  
PASSAGES, TASK CARDS, GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS, & ACTIVITIES  
4th/5th Grades

**COMPARE AND CONTRAST**  
PASSAGES, TASK CARDS, GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS, & ACTIVITIES  
3rd - 5th Grades

**ELEMENTS OF POETRY, DRAMA, AND PROSE**  
TEACHING PAGES, PASSAGES, A FLIPBOOK, & GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS  
3rd - 5th Grades

**THEME**  
PASSAGES, TASK CARDS, GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS, & POSTERS  
4th/5th Grades

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**INFORMATIONAL TEXT STRUCTURES**  
PASSAGES, TASK CARDS, GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS, & ACTIVITIES  
4th/5th Grades

**INFERENCES USING LITERATURE**  
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**CHARACTERS, SETTINGS, AND EVENTS**  
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**CAUSE AND EFFECT USING INFORMATIONAL TEXT**  
Passages, Task Cards, Posters, and Graphic Organizers  
4th - 5th Grades

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10 ESSENTIAL SKILLS  
GRADES 4 & 5

More Reading  
Resources:

## KNOWLEDGE BUILDERS

**FICTION AND NONFICTION**

Word	Definition
peacock	A large, colorful bird with a long tail.
tail	The back part of a bird's body.
feather	A growth on the skin of a bird.
tailfeather	A feather on the tail of a bird.

COMPREHENSION

1. Did James know anyone who had a peacock? YES

2. Why James' sister willing to help him make the video? YES

3. Did James want a peacock for a pet? NO

4. Did James want to keep the peacock for a pet? YES

## MEGA BUNDLE THE TEACHER NEXT DOOR 4TH GRADE

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## KNOWLEDGE BUILDERS

**FICTION AND NONFICTION**

Word	Final
appear	disappear
push	pull
go over	go under
astonished	realized

## MEGA BUNDLE THE TEACHER NEXT DOOR 5TH GRADE

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**At **The Teacher Next Door**, we know that you strive to be an effective reading teacher while maintaining a healthy work-life balance. In order to do that, you need resources that are impactful, yet simple. The problem is that most reading resources and curriculums out there are far from simple. The pages upon pages of daily lesson plans are just plain overwhelming. We believe teachers should be living their lives outside the classroom, and not spending hours lesson planning and searching for resources.**

**Now, more than ever, teachers need space to be themselves which is why we create and support teachers with timesaving tips and standards-aligned resources.**

**We can't wait to help you get started.**

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