

PRINT & DIGITAL

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TEACHING

BASEBALL
Are you ready to learn all about one of the most thrilling and popular games in the world? That's right, baseball!

SWIMMING
Have you ever wondered what it's like to glide through the water like a fish? Well, you're in for a treat because today, we're going to explore the exciting world of swimming!

TRACK & FIELD
What is Track and Field?
Track and Field is a sport where athletes compete in a variety of events that require their running, jumping, and throwing skills. It's like a big sports party where everyone joins in and shows off their talents.

BASKETBALL
Hey there, all you basketball fans and future superstars! Today, we're going to discover the incredible history of the game we all know and love.

FOOTBALL
Today, we're going to explore the world of Football, but did you know there are actually two very different kinds of Football games played on opposite sides of the Atlantic Ocean? Let's take a look at American Football and European Football to see what makes each one special.

TRACK & FIELD
Many Events to Choose From
One of the most exciting parts of track and field is the running races. You can choose to run a short distance, or you can go for a long distance like in the 800-meter or 500-meter races. The most famous race is the 100-meter dash, where athletes run as fast as they can to see who's the fastest. There's also the long jump and the high jump, where athletes jump as far as they can into a sandpit. The hurdles are like a big obstacle course where athletes run and jump over a bar without knocking it down. It's like trying to jump over a really high hurdle!

BASKETBALL
Basketball became popular very quickly. People loved it in schools and colleges, and they started to come up with their own rules. It wasn't long before it had spread all over the United States and even in other parts of the world.

FOOTBALL
American Football Tackles and Touchdowns
Players wear helmets and pads to protect themselves from getting hurt. The ball is an oval shape, and the game is played on a field. One exciting thing about American Football is that it's all about power and strategy. Teams have four chances to score a touchdown. If they don't make it, the opposing team's goal line to score a touchdown.

TRACK & FIELD
There are throwing events like shot put, discus, and javelin. Shot put is like throwing a heavy ball as far as you can. Discus is a big Frisbee, and the javelin is a long stick. Athletes try to throw as far as they can.

BASKETBALL
In 1896, the first professional basketball game was played in Trenton, New Jersey. The game was very exciting and dynamic.

FOOTBALL
European Football The Beautiful Game
European Football, also known as soccer, is all about speed, skill, and teamwork. It's played on a large field with a goal at each end. One of the coolest things about European Football is that it's played all over the world. There's no pass, and shoot the ball into the goal.

TRACK & FIELD
Ever wanted to see how far you can throw something? In track and field, there are throwing events like shot put, discus, and javelin. Shot put is like throwing a heavy ball as far as you can. Discus is a big Frisbee, and the javelin is a long stick. Athletes try to throw as far as they can.

BASKETBALL
Over the years, many amazing players have become basketball legends. LeBron James, and Kobe Bryant are known by basketball fans all over the world for their hard work, dedication, and a lot of practice, anyone can become a basketball legend.

FOOTBALL
The Differences and Similarities Between American Football and European Football
Both games are played on a field with a goal at each end. In American Football, the opposing team's goal area is called the end zone. In European Football, the goal area is called the goal. Of course, they're both incredibly exciting!

TRACK & FIELD
Which One is Best?
There's no "best" when it comes to these two kinds of Football. It all depends on your personal preference. Some people love the power and strategy of American Football, while others prefer the grace and skill of European Football. You might even enjoy both!

BASKETBALL
So, whether you're watching the Super Bowl or the World Cup, both American Football and European Football have their own unique charm and excitement. You might find a new favorite sport, or you might just enjoy watching the game.

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TRACK & FIELD
So, there you have it, young basketball fans! Basketball started as a simple game in a gym and grew into a global phenomenon. Today, it's one of the most popular sports in the world. So, grab your basketball and get ready to play!

FOOTBALL
So, there you have it, young football fans! Football is a sport that has been played for centuries. It's a game of strategy, skill, and teamwork. So, grab your football and get ready to play!

TRACK & FIELD
So, there you have it, young track and field fans! Track and field is a sport that has been played for centuries. It's a game of speed, strength, and endurance. So, grab your track and field gear and get ready to play!

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Sports Close Reads

Hey!

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK!

Squeeze in some close reading practice with these daily themed close reading quickies!

Why?

Sports Close Reads!



Practice comprehension skills with 5 daily close reading passages and 5 student sheets.



Students are engaged in the themed texts.



These make it easy to save time and get more out of the close read!

BASKETBALL

Hey there, all you basketball fans and future superstars! Today, we're going to take a journey through time to discover the incredible history of the game we all know and love - basketball.

Basketball was born in the United States in December 1891. A man named Dr. James Naismith, who was a P.E. teacher, wanted to create a fun game to play indoors during the cold winter months. So he came up with basketball and hung a peach basket high on a wall. The first game was played with a soccer ball, and the goal was to throw it into the peach basket. That's why it's called "basket" ball.

Imagine playing the very first basketball game in a gym with nine players on each team. The game was quite different back then! Players couldn't dribble the ball (bounce it while running), and there was no three-point line or shot clock. It was just about passing and shooting the ball into the basket.

Basketball became popular very quickly. People loved it! Schools and colleges began to adopt the game, and they started to come up with their own rules. It wasn't long before basketball became a big deal all over the United States and even in other parts of the world.

In 1896, the first professional basketball game was played in Trenton, New Jersey. Pro basketball teams started to pop up, and the sport grew even more. The game evolved, and rules like dribbling were added, making it more exciting and dynamic.

In 1946, the National Basketball Association (NBA) was formed, and it's the biggest and most famous basketball league in the world today. Teams like the Los Angeles Lakers, Chicago Bulls, and Boston Celtics have become legendary.

Over the years, many amazing players have become basketball legends. Names like Michael Jordan, LeBron James, and Kobe Bryant are known by basketball fans all around the world. They've become heroes that inspire millions of people. With hard work, dedication, and a lot of practice, anyone can become a basketball superstar.

Today, basketball has changed a lot. We have high-flying dunks, three-point shots, and players who can do incredible things with the ball. It's a game that brings people from all around the world together to cheer for their favorite teams and players.

So, there you have it, young hoopsters! Basketball started as a fun game in a gym and grew into a global sensation loved by millions. Whether you want to play for fun or dream of becoming a basketball star, this game has a rich history that's worth celebrating. Get out there, grab a ball, and shoot some hoops! Who knows? Maybe you'll be the next basketball legend!

CLOSE READING

Day One	Day Two	Day Three	Day Four
Do your first read without stopping. Then answer question #1 in a complete sentence.	Do your second read. While you read, mark up your text using the close reading symbols.	Do your third read. Fill in the organizer using the information from the text.	Answer questions 2-4 in complete sentences. Make sure to use evidence!

BASKETBALL
Name _____

DAY ONE: What is the genre of this text? How do you know?

DAY TWO: Mark up your text using the close reading symbols.

DAY THREE: Fill in the 3-2-1 organizer below:

DAY FOUR:

3 Facts I learned are...

2 questions I could ask are...

1 connection I made is...

2. What did you know about basketball before reading the article?

3. Based on clues in the text, what do you think the word "evolved" means? Explain.

4. The text says, "Whether you want to play for fun or dream of becoming a basketball star, this game has a rich history that's worth celebrating." Is this a fact or opinion? How do you know?

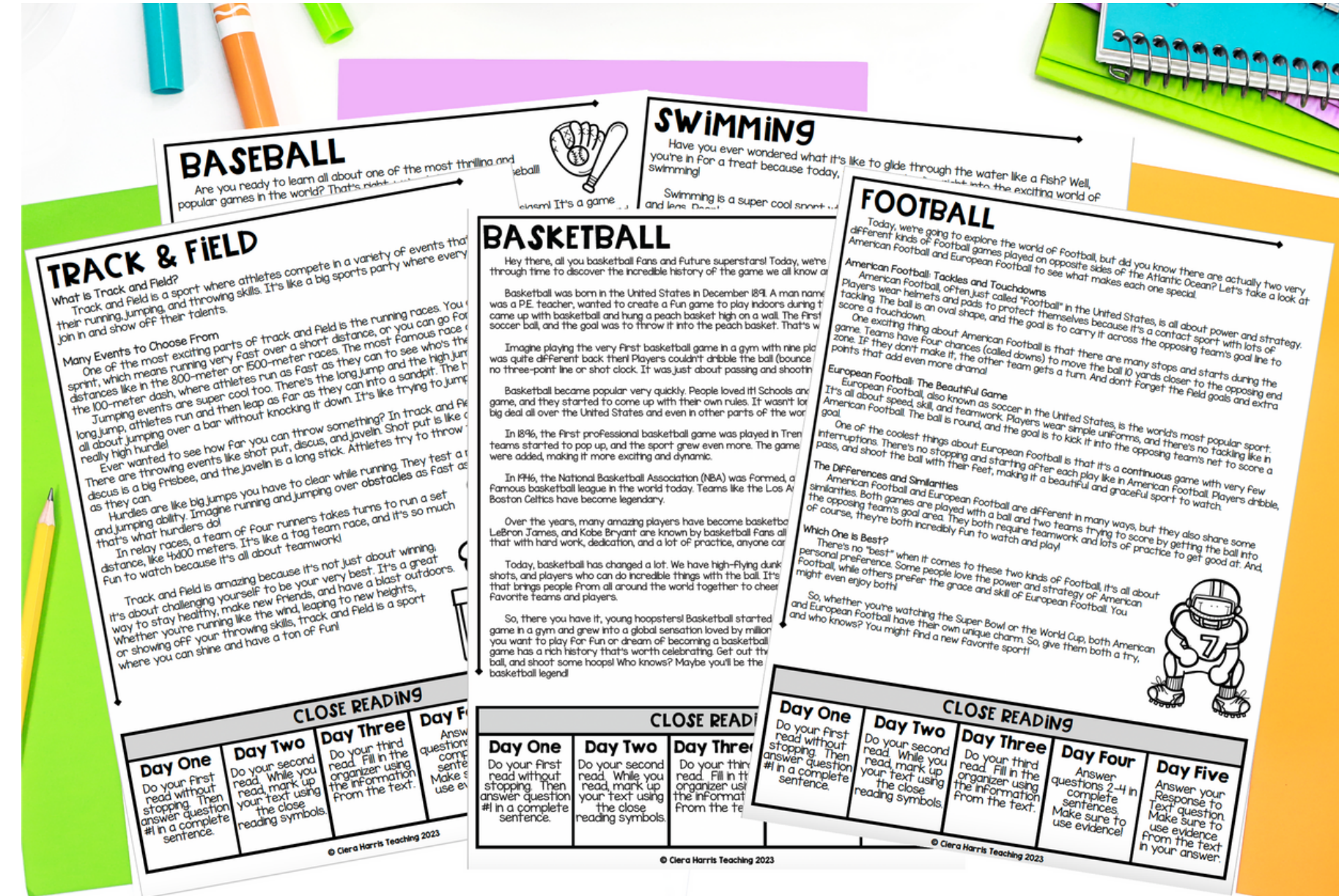
DAY FIVE: RESPONSE TO TEXT Pretend that you have been put in charge of designing a poster to get students to join the basketball team at school. What information would you include and why? Use evidence from the text to support your response.

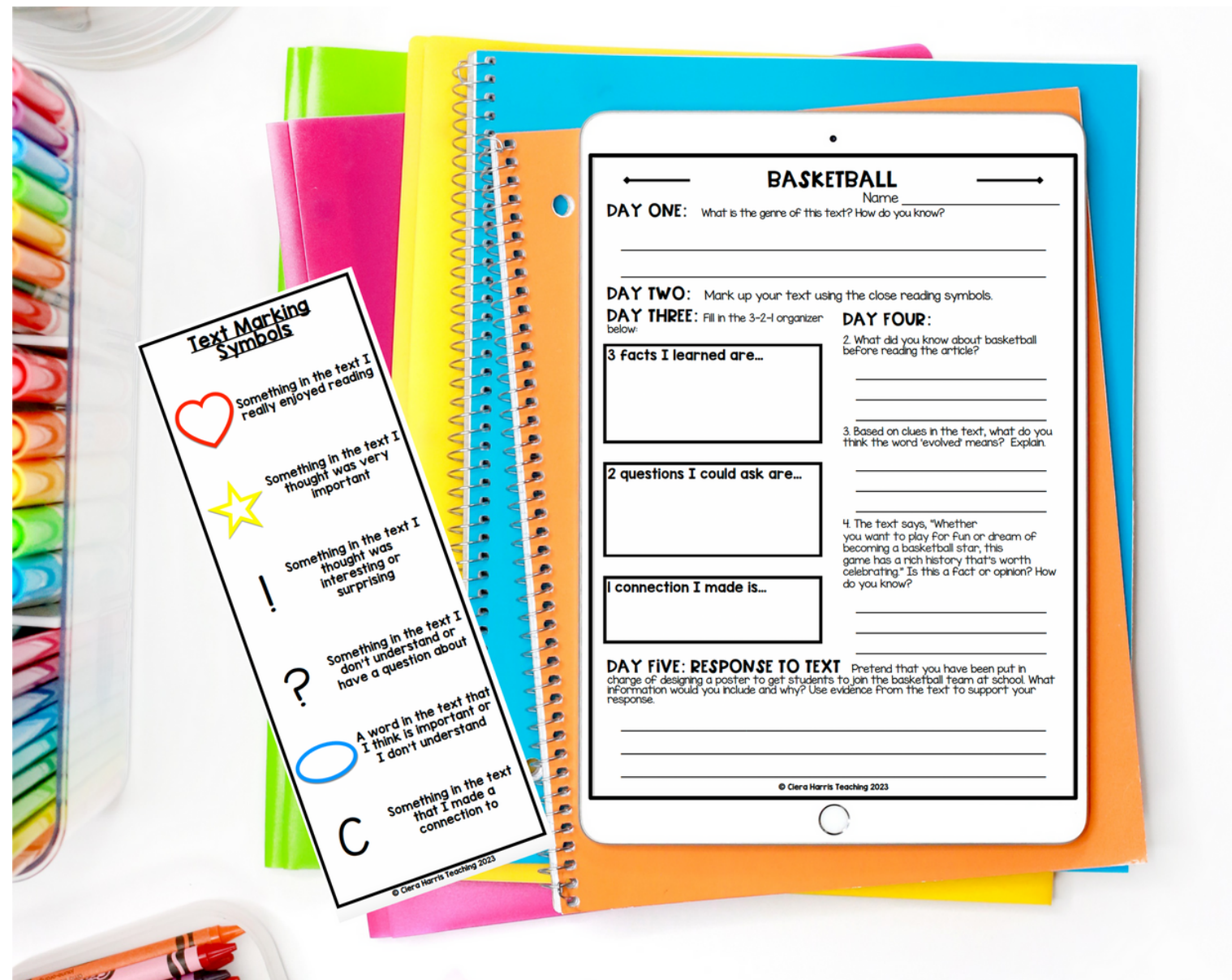
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Resource Includes

- Basketball
- Baseball
- Swimming
- Track & Field
- Football
- Close reading codes w/bookmark
- Text evidence questions
- Open response questions
- Answer Keys
- Print and digital versions!

“ A MUST HAVE FOR EVERY CLASSROOM! ”

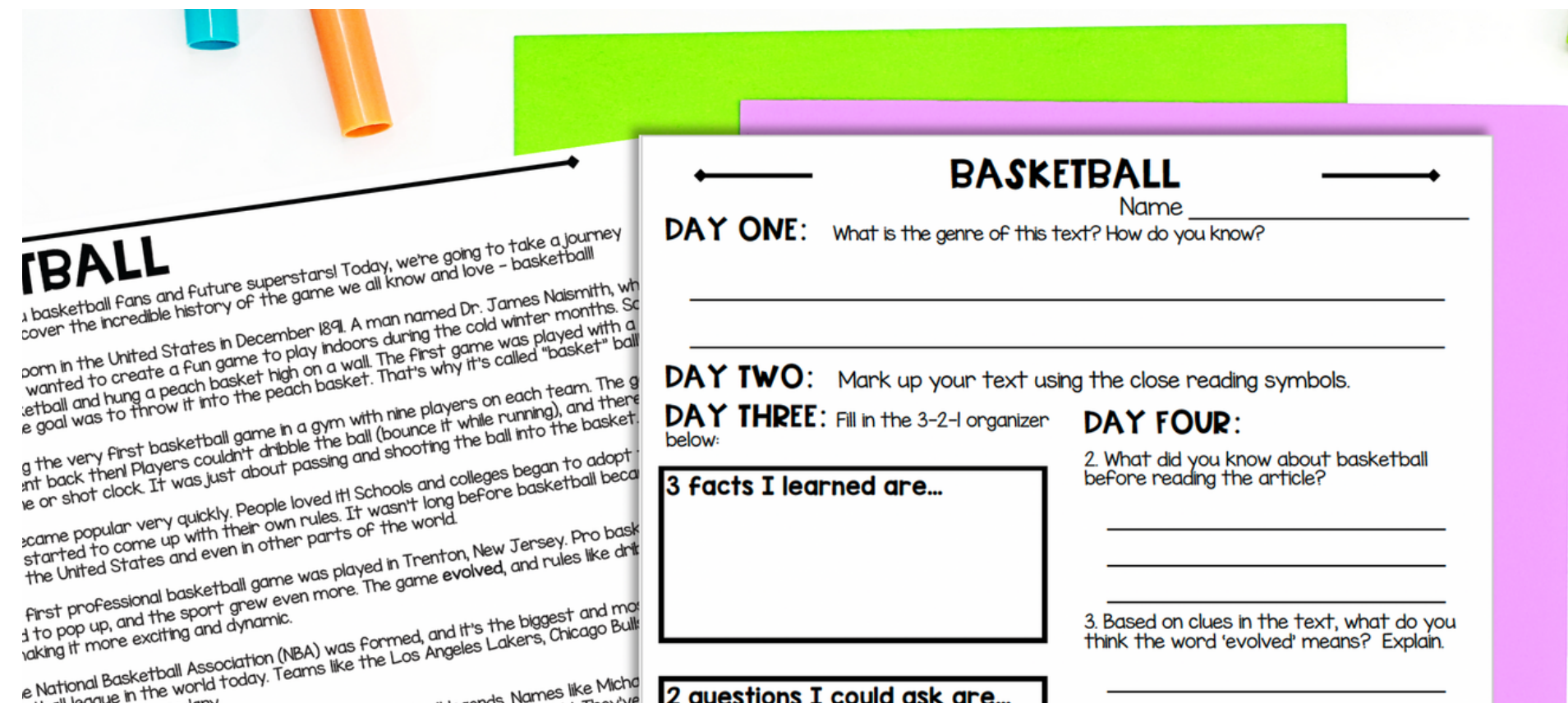




Practice using evidence to answer questions:

- Text evidence practice
- Using close reading codes
- Responding to questions

Perfect for whole group or small group practice!

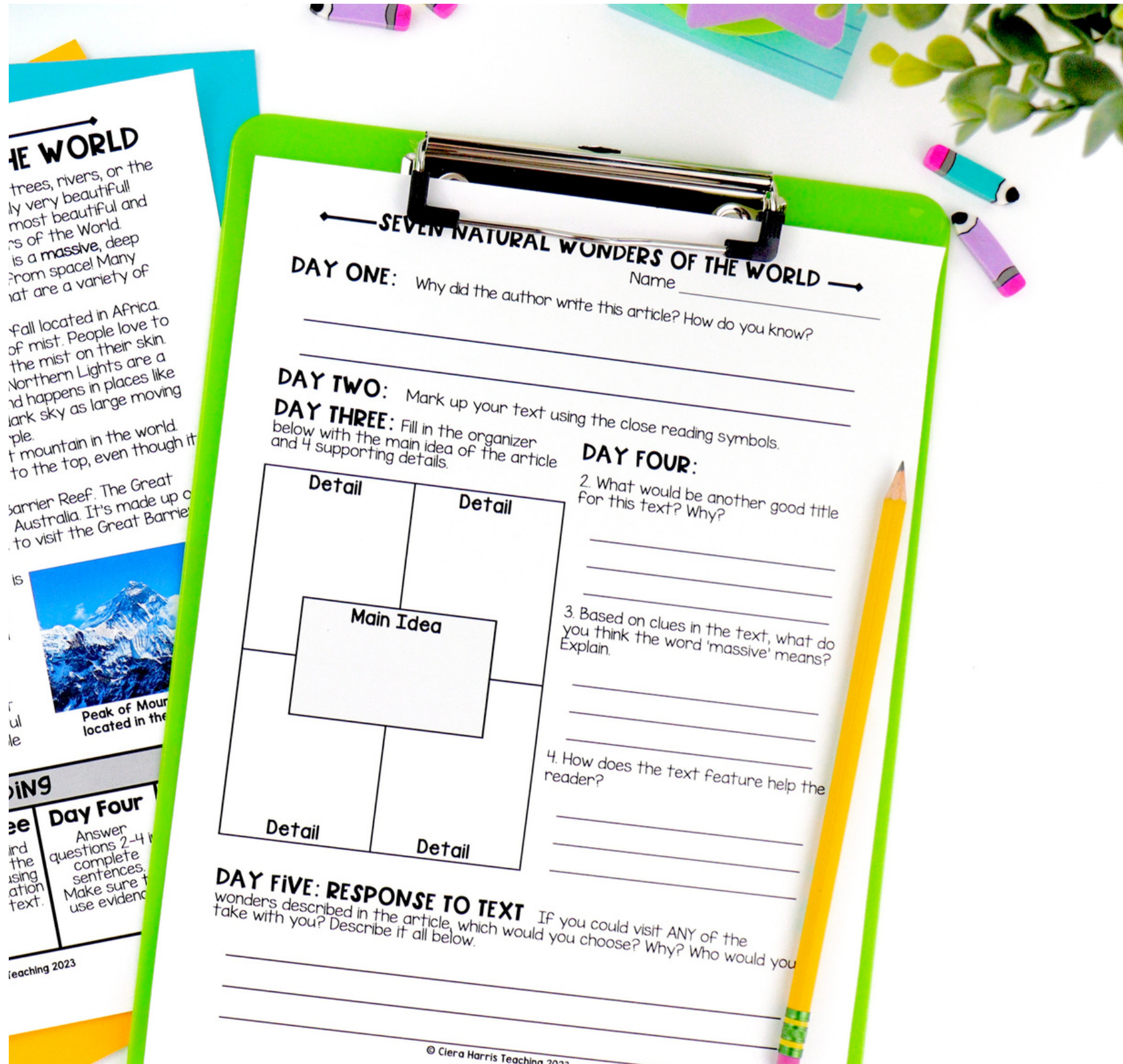


ONE PAGE LASTS ALL WEEK!

Perfect for Grades 2-4!

Each passage is broken down into one activity per day.

These help students expand their reading skills!



A little more...



These help students think critically and comprehend.

Without spending hours, they can dig deep into the passage.

Perfect for learning how to use close reading codes!

GO GRAB THE RESOURCE TODAY!