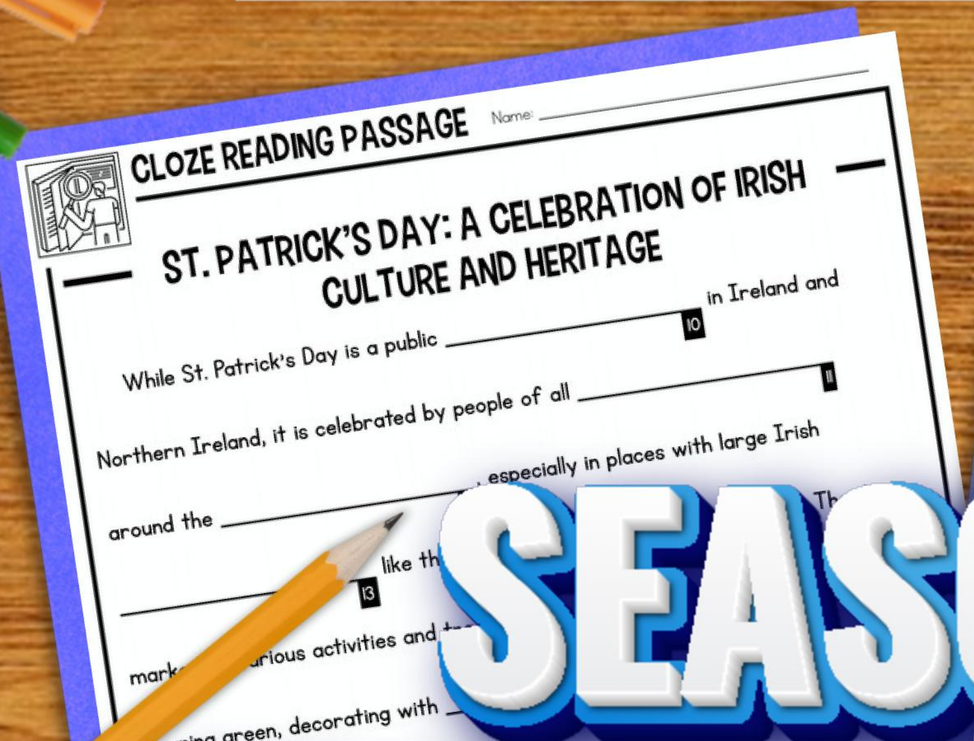
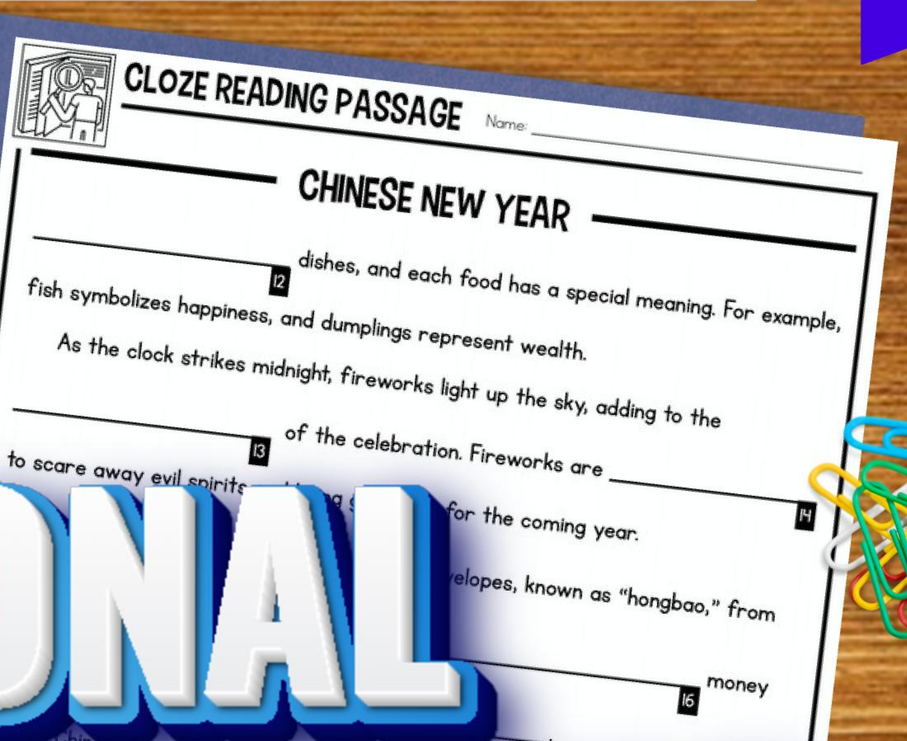
GREAT TO DEVELOP WORD KNOWLEDGE

GRADES 3–5


CLOZE READING PASSAGE Name: _____

ST. PATRICK'S DAY: A CELEBRATION OF IRISH CULTURE AND HERITAGE

While St. Patrick's Day is a public _____ [10] in Ireland and Northern Ireland, it is celebrated by people of all _____ [11] around the _____, especially in places with large Irish _____ [12] like th_____ [13] mark_____ various activities and t_____ wearing green, decorating with _____ to wear green_____ d the _____


CLOZE READING PASSAGE Name: _____

CHINESE NEW YEAR

_____ [12] dishes, and each food has a special meaning. For example, fish symbolizes happiness, and dumplings represent wealth.

As the clock strikes midnight, fireworks light up the sky, adding to the _____ [13] of the celebration. Fireworks are _____ [14] to scare away evil spirits _____ for the coming year.

_____elopes, known as "hongbao," from _____ [16] money

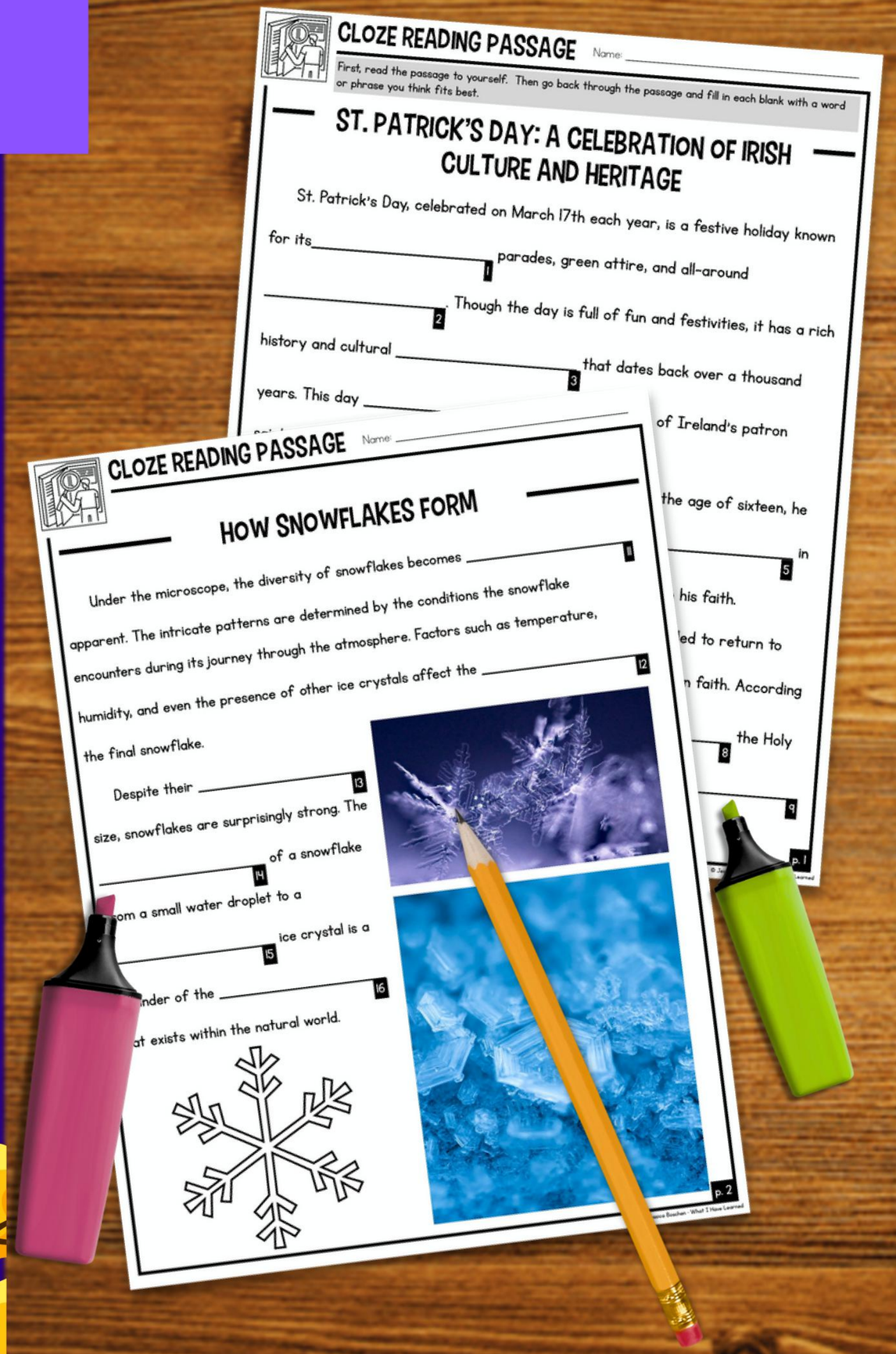
Chinese New Year is a time of _____ [17]

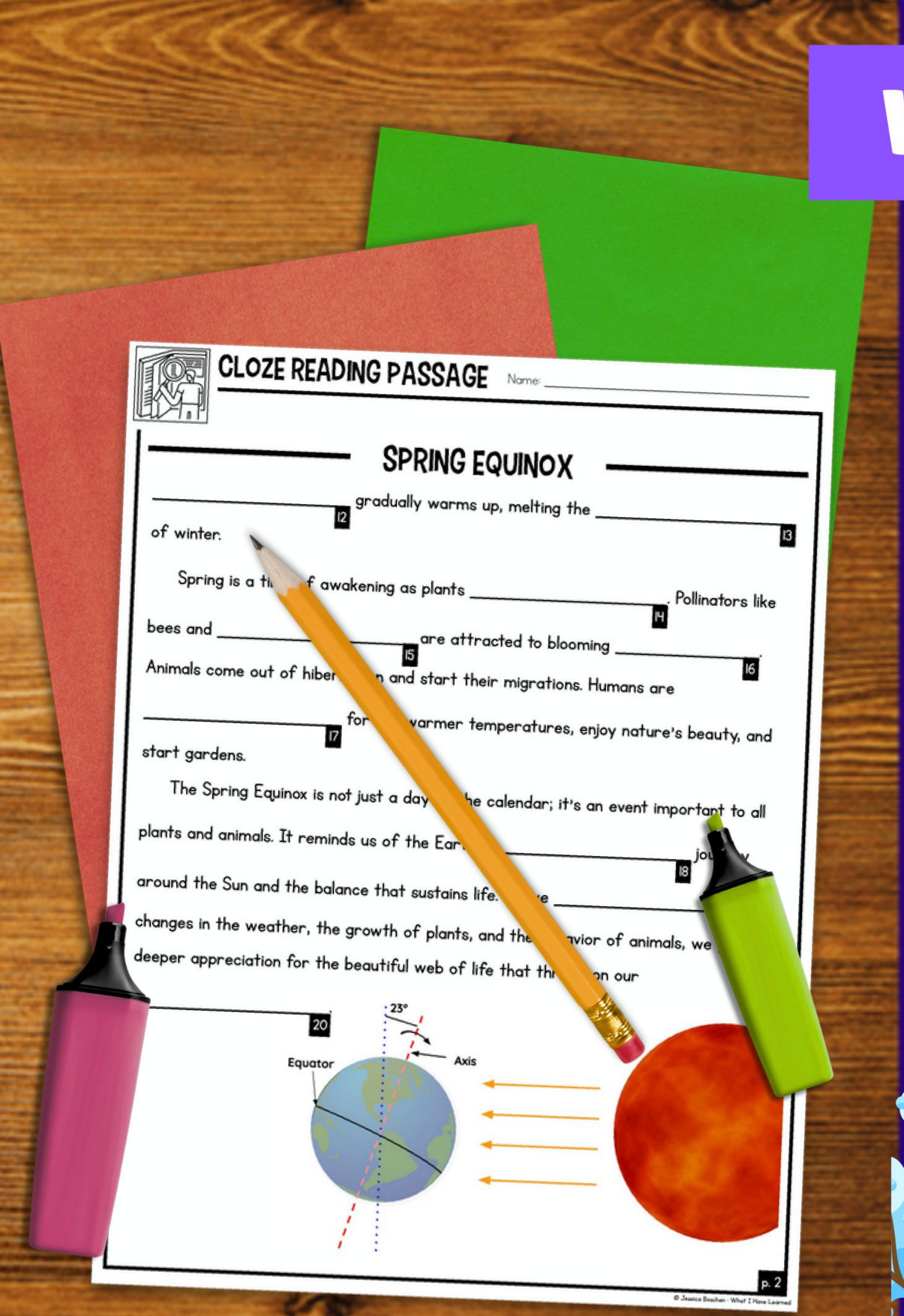
SEASONAL CLOZE READING BUNDLE

KEEP SCROLLING TO SEE WHAT'S INSIDE!

WHAT IS CLOZE READING?

Cloze reading is a **fill-in-the-blank activity** that challenges students to **think deeper**. Words are **removed from a passage**, and students must use **context clues** and **grammar** to choose the best answer.





WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Reading Passages
- Reflection Sheet
- Suggested Words for the blanks
- Teacher Directions



JANUARY CLOZE READING



CLOZE READING PASSAGE Name: _____

First, read the passage to yourself. Then go back through the passage and fill in each blank with a word or phrase you think fits best.

ICE STORMS

a world where rain turns everything it touches into a frozen
1
landscape. That's exactly what _____ during an ice storm!
2
An ice storm is a kind of weather event that happens when it's very cold. The rain
into ice before it hits the ground. When it lands on things lik
3
, it sticks and turns them into a _____
5
_____
4
landscape.
rees

CLOZE READING PASSAGE Name: _____

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ICE FISHING

In the small winter town, Jake's eyes sparkled with _____ as
1
he and his dad got ready for their _____ ice-fishing trip. Bundled
2
in layers of _____, Jake and his dad _____
3
across the frozen lake until they reached their destination – an ice hut t
their temporary _____. Inside, the air was _____
5
and the anticipation hung like icicles.

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HOW SNOWFLAKES FORM

Under _____ microscope, the diversity of snowflakes becomes _____
11
apparent. Th_____ tricate patterns are determined by the conditions the snowflake
encounters du_____ its journey through the atmosphere. Factors such as temperature,
humidity, and ev_____ he presence of other ice crystals affect the _____
12
the final snowflak
Despite their _____
13
size, snowflakes are _____ risingly strong. The
_____ of a snowflake
from a small water drop_____ o a
_____ crystal is a
15
reminder of the _____
16
that exists within the natural _____ d.





CLOZE READING REFLECTION

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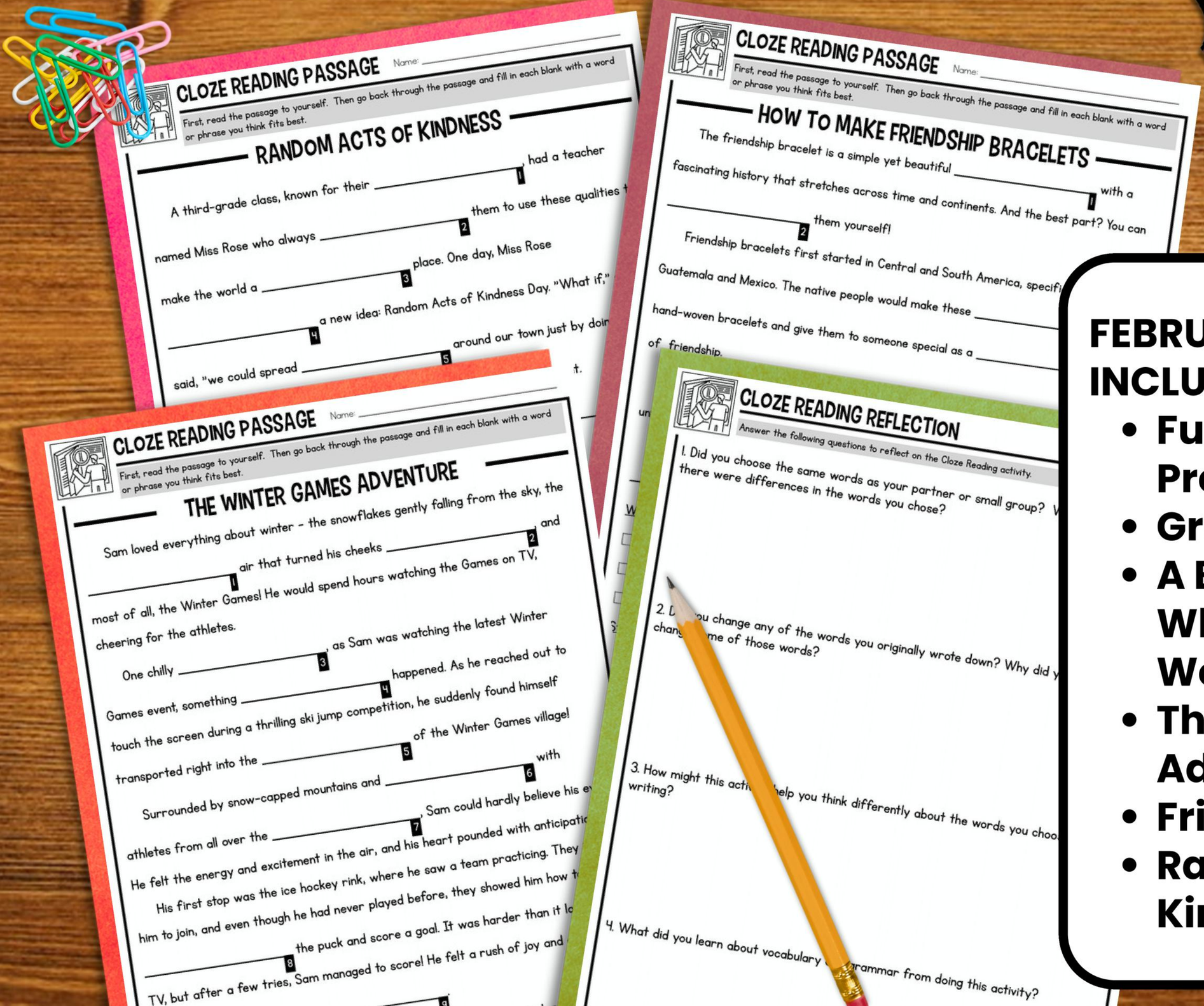
JANUARY TITLES INCLUDE

- **Chinese New Year**
- **Ice Storms**
- **The Icy Adventure**
- **Ice Fishing**
- **How Snowflakes Form**

FEBRUARY CLOZE READING

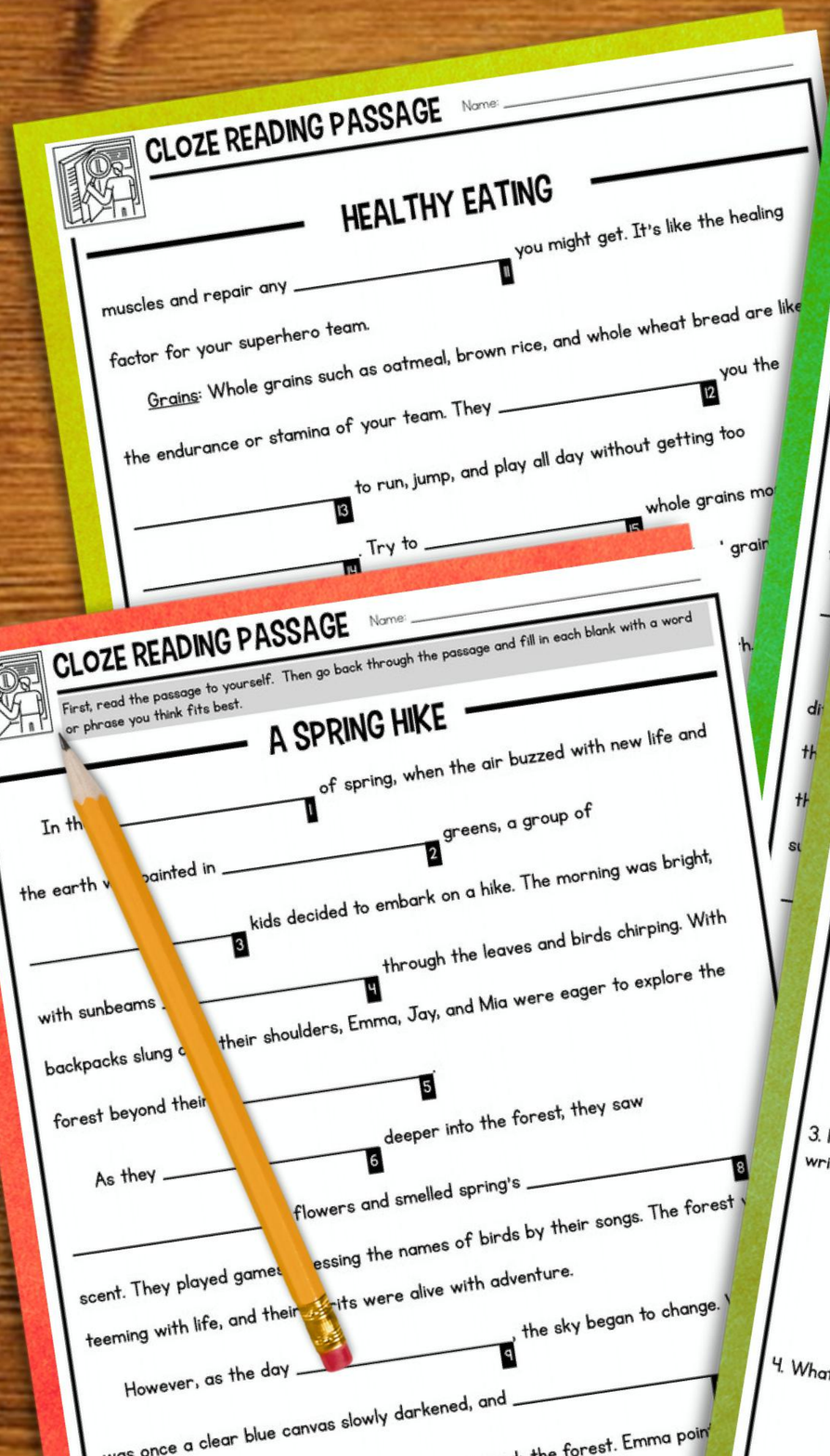


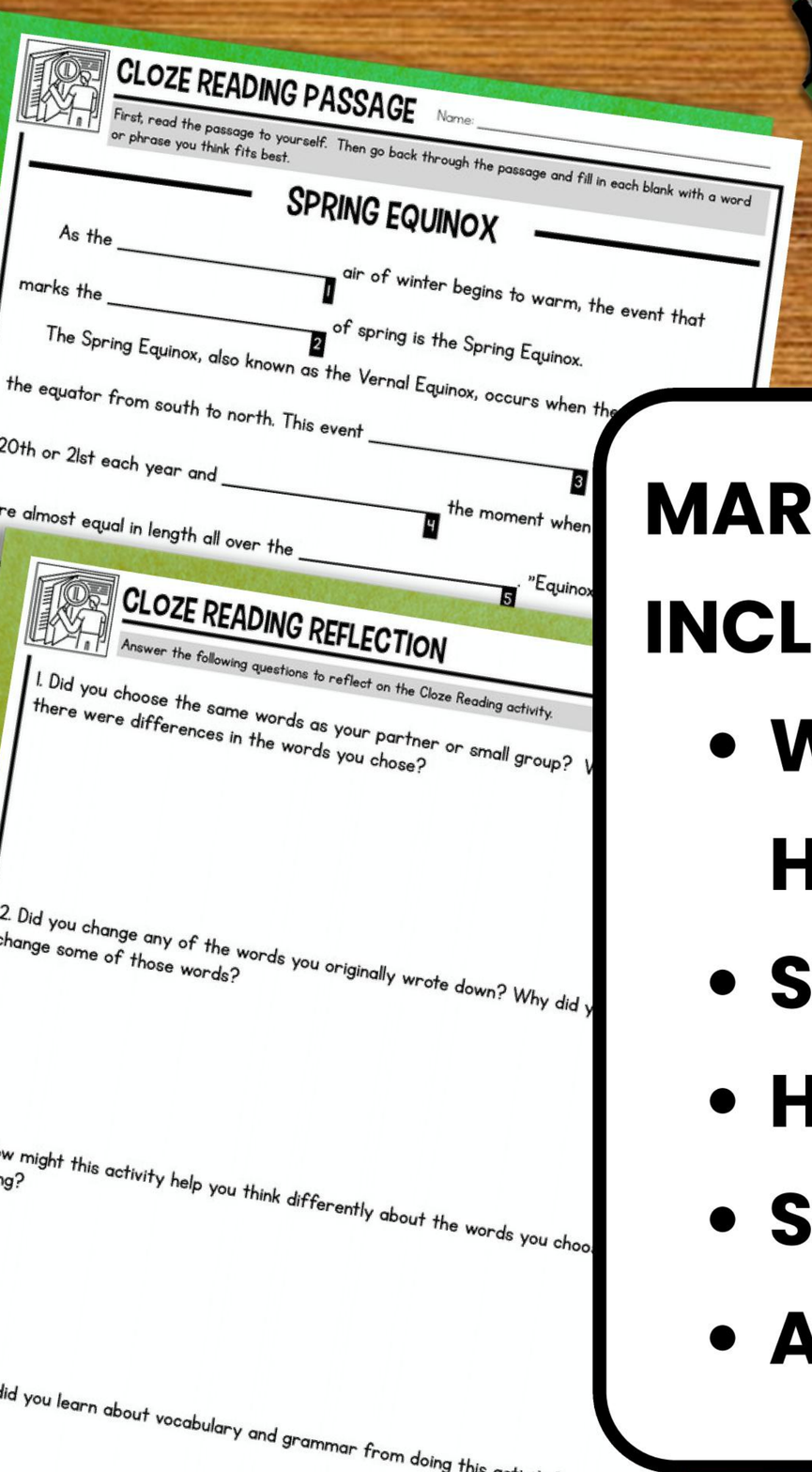
FEBRUARY TITLES INCLUDE

- **Fun Facts for Presidents' Day**
- **Groundhog Day**
- **A Brave Woman Who Changed the World - Rosa Parks**
- **The Winter Games Adventure**
- **Friendship Bracelets**
- **Random Acts of Kindness**

MARCH CLOZE READING







MARCH TITLES INCLUDE

- **Women's History Month**
- **St. Patrick's Day**
- **Healthy Eating**
- **Spring Equinox**
- **A Spring Hike**

APRIL CLOZE READING

CLOZE READING PASSAGE Name: _____

AN ADVENTURE AT THE LIBRARY

with pictures of _____ 8 dinosaurs. Sam's eyes grew wide. "Can we

borrow this one too?" he asked. They both laughed and put it in their growing stack of

books to check out.

Finally, they reached the last clue, which led them to a corner with a big

_____ 9 reading chair. "This is the perfect spot to read," Mia s

They found the last book on their list and opened it. Inside, they found a note th

"Congratulations! You've discovered the treasure of reading. Come to the fron

CLOZE READING PASSAGE Name: _____

SAVING OUR PLANET ONE PIECE AT A TI

How Can You Be a Recycling Superhero?

Being a recycling hero is easy and fun! Here are some ways you can help save the planet:

- Learn What Can Be Recycled: Not everything can be recycled the same way. Thi
  paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, and metal cans usually can be. But remem
  important to _____ 8 what your local recycling progra
- Keep It Clean: Before you recycle something, make sure it's clean and dry
  make the recycling process smoother and more efficient.
- Use Recycling Bins: Put your recyclables in the _____ 9

CLOZE READING PASSAGE Name: _____

WHY POLLINATORS ARE IMPORTANT

Desp heir importance, pollinators are in trouble. Habitat loss, pesticides, and

climate cha are just a few of the _____ 8 they face. Bee

populations, stance, have been declining at _____ 9 rates. This

isn't just bad n for bees; it's a dire warning for us too. Without pollinators, the

natural world an man food systems are _____ 10

The good news hat it's not too late to take action. Everyone, from governments

to individuals, has a to play in protecting pollinators. Planting native flowers and

creating pollinator-fri y _____ 11 are simple steps that can make

a big difference.

Pollinators might be s but their impact on our world is immense. They are th

unsung heroes of our plane orking _____ 12 to support our f

systems and ecosystems. It's time we _____ 13 their import

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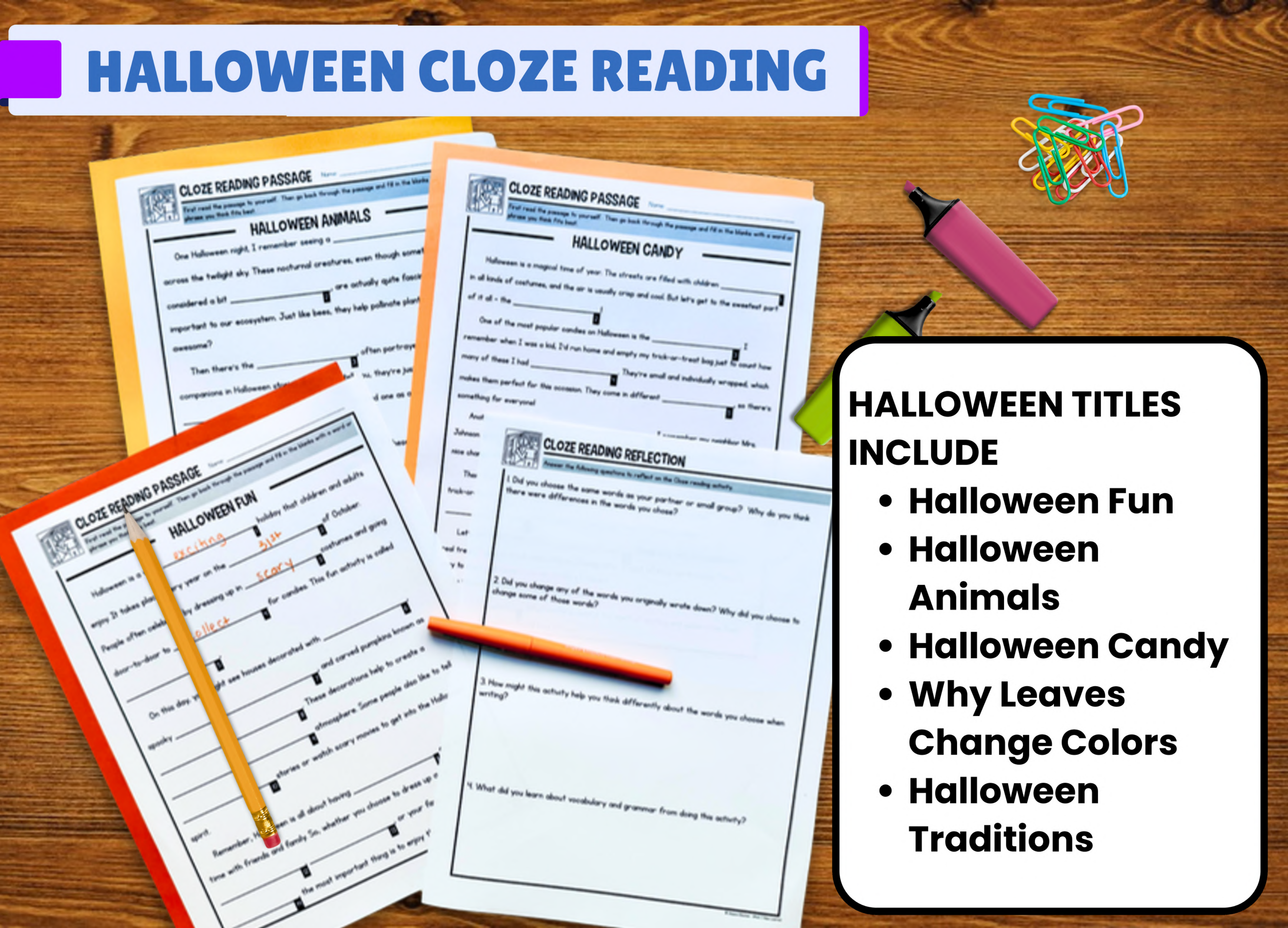
APRIL TITLES INCLUDE

- **Famous Trees Around the World**
- **The Importance of Trees**
- **Taking Care of Our Planet**
- **A Day of Tricks**
- **National Library Week**
- **An Adventure at the Library**
- **Saving Our Planet One Piece at a Time**
- **Why Pollinators are Important**

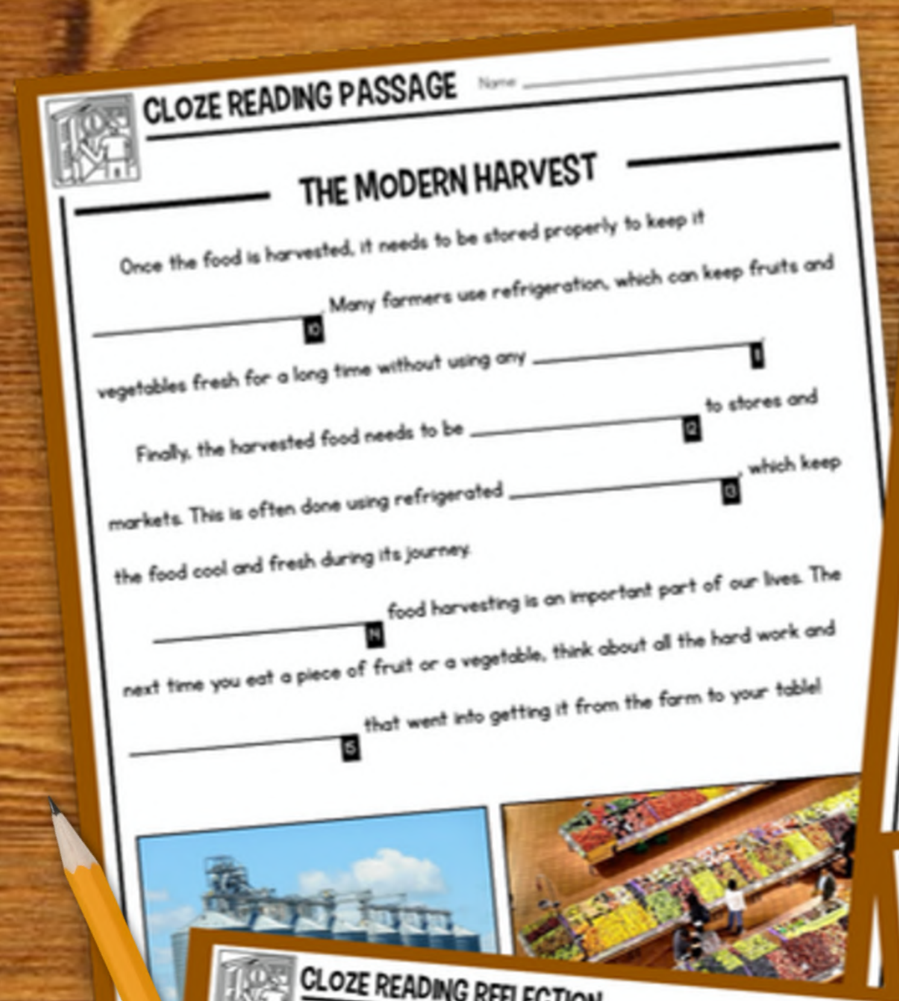
HALLOWEEN CLOZE READING



HALLOWEEN TITLES INCLUDE

- **Halloween Fun**
- **Halloween Animals**
- **Halloween Candy**
- **Why Leaves Change Colors**
- **Halloween Traditions**

NOVEMBER CLOZE READING

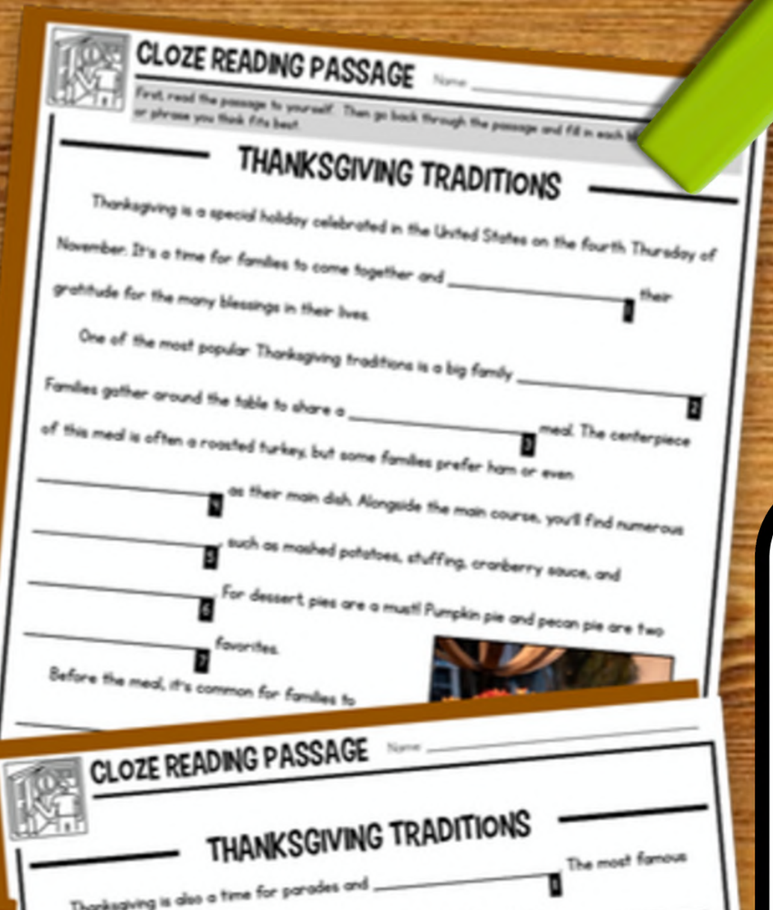

CLOZE READING PASSAGE Name _____

THE MODERN HARVEST

Once the food is harvested, it needs to be stored properly to keep it _____ (10). Many farmers use refrigeration, which can keep fruits and vegetables fresh for a long time without using any _____ (11).

Finally, the harvested food needs to be _____ (12) to stores and markets. This is often done using refrigerated _____ (13), which keep the food cool and fresh during its journey.

_____ (14) food harvesting is an important part of our lives. The next time you eat a piece of fruit or a vegetable, think about all the hard work and _____ (15) that went into getting it from the farm to your table!


CLOZE READING PASSAGE Name _____

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THANKSGIVING TRADITIONS

Thanksgiving is a special holiday celebrated in the United States on the fourth Thursday of November. It's a time for families to come together and _____ (1) their gratitude for the many blessings in their lives.

One of the most popular Thanksgiving traditions is a big family _____ (2). Families gather around the table to share a _____ (3) meal. The centerpiece of this meal is often a roasted turkey, but some families prefer ham or even _____ (4) as their main dish. Alongside the main course, you'll find numerous _____ (5) such as mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and _____ (6). For dessert, pies are a must! Pumpkin pie and pecan pie are two _____ (7) favorites.

Before the meal, it's common for families to


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THANKSGIVING TRADITIONS

Thanksgiving is also a time for parades and _____ (1). The most famous of these is the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, where _____ (2) balloons of popular characters _____ (3) above the streets. In some regions, families participate in a friendly game of football, while others watch it on TV.

While Thanksgiving has many common traditions, each family may have its own unique _____ (4). Some families may incorporate cultural _____ (5) into their meals, while others may volunteer to help those in need. No matter the traditions, the spirit of _____ (6) is what makes Thanksgiving a special holiday.

NOVEMBER TITLES INCLUDE

- **Veteran's Day**
- **The Modern Harvest**
- **Thanksgiving Traditions**
- **All About the Food Bank**
- **Volunteering at the Food Bank All**
- **About Turkeys**

DECEMBER CLOZE READING



CLOZE READING PASSAGE Name: _____

LILY'S LIGHTS

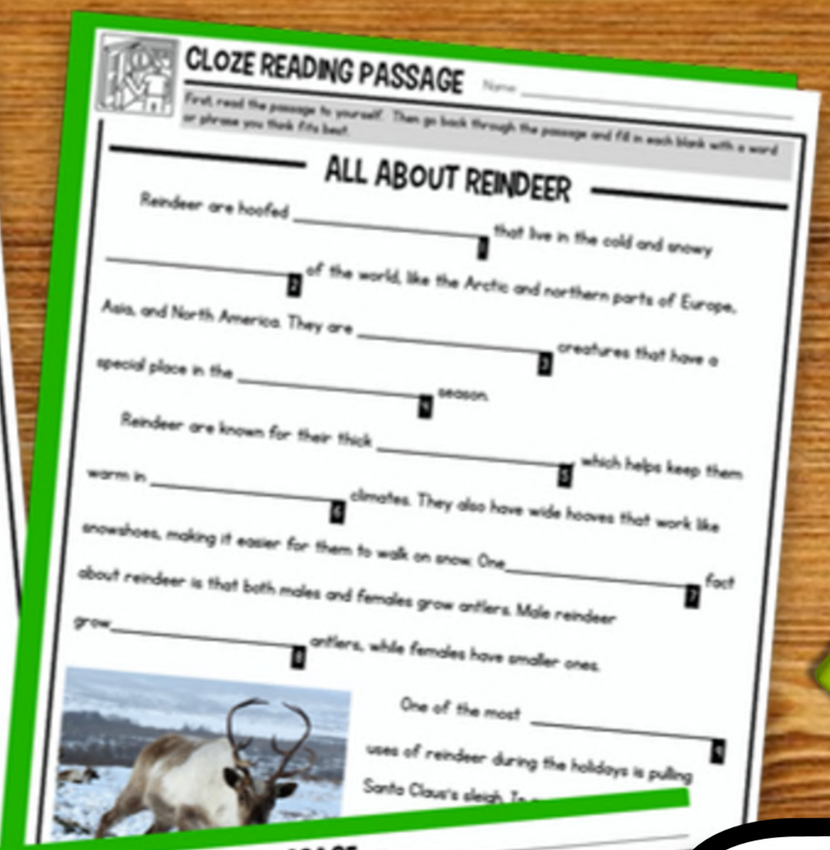
Finally, the big day arrived. With help from their families and friends, Lily and Max started _____ (13) the lights around the town square. It was hard work, and their _____ (14) were numb with cold, but the thought of the _____ (15) spectacle kept them going.

After hours of _____ (16) work, as the sun began to set, the kids finished. Lily held her breath as Max flipped the switch. Suddenly, the town was bathed in a _____ (17) glow. The lights _____ (18) like stars, casting a spell over the entire town.

People came out of their _____ (19), their faces lit up with _____ (20) _____ (21). filled the air. The town square was alive with the spirit of Christmas, all thanks to Lily and Max.

Lily looked around, her heart swelling with _____ (22). She turned to Max, who was grinning from ear to ear, and said, "We did it! We brought a fairy tale to life!"

That night, as they fell asleep under the twinkling lights, her _____ (23) filled



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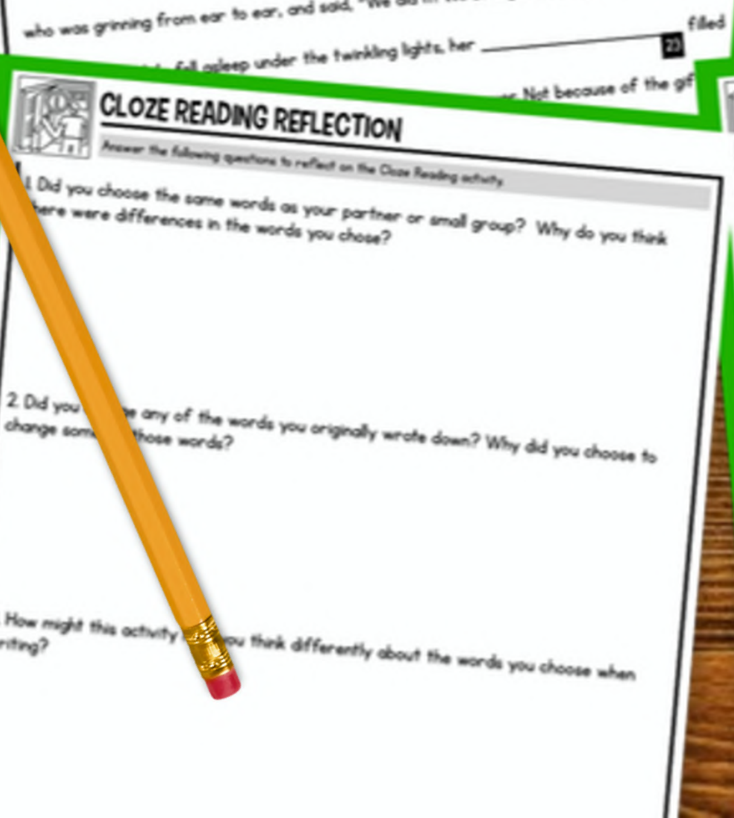
ALL ABOUT REINDEER

Reindeer are hoofed _____ (1) that live in the cold and snowy _____ (2) of the world, like the Arctic and northern parts of Europe, Asia, and North America. They are _____ (3) creatures that have a special place in the _____ (4) season.

Reindeer are known for their thick _____ (5) which helps keep them warm in _____ (6) climates. They also have wide hooves that work like snowshoes, making it easier for them to walk on snow. One _____ (7) fact about reindeer is that both males and females grow antlers. Male reindeer grow _____ (8) antlers, while females have smaller ones.

One of the most _____ (9) uses of reindeer during the holidays is pulling Santa Claus's sleigh. I



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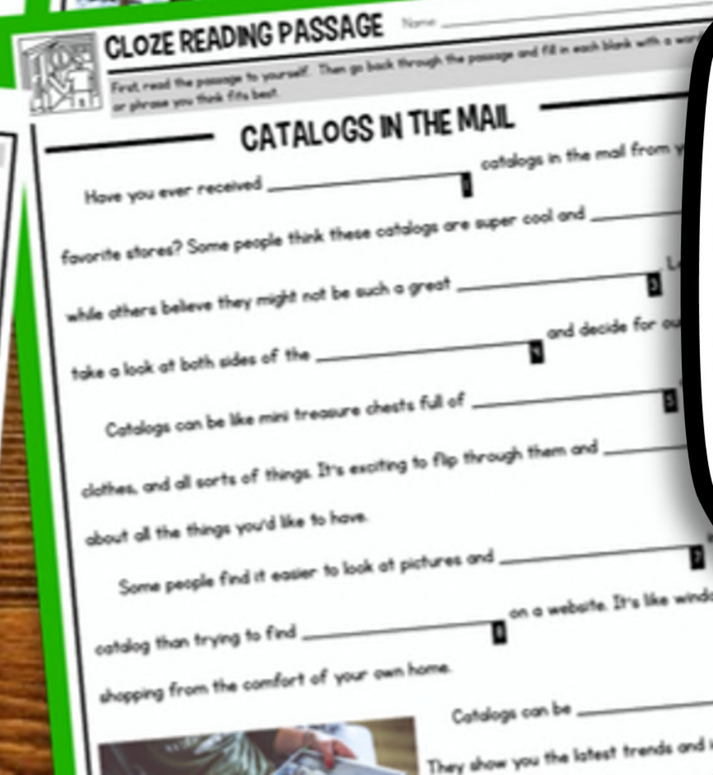

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CATALOGS IN THE MAIL

Have you ever received _____ (1) catalogs in the mail from your favorite stores? Some people think these catalogs are super cool and _____ (2) while others believe they might not be such a great _____ (3). Let's take a look at both sides of the _____ (4) and decide for ourselves.

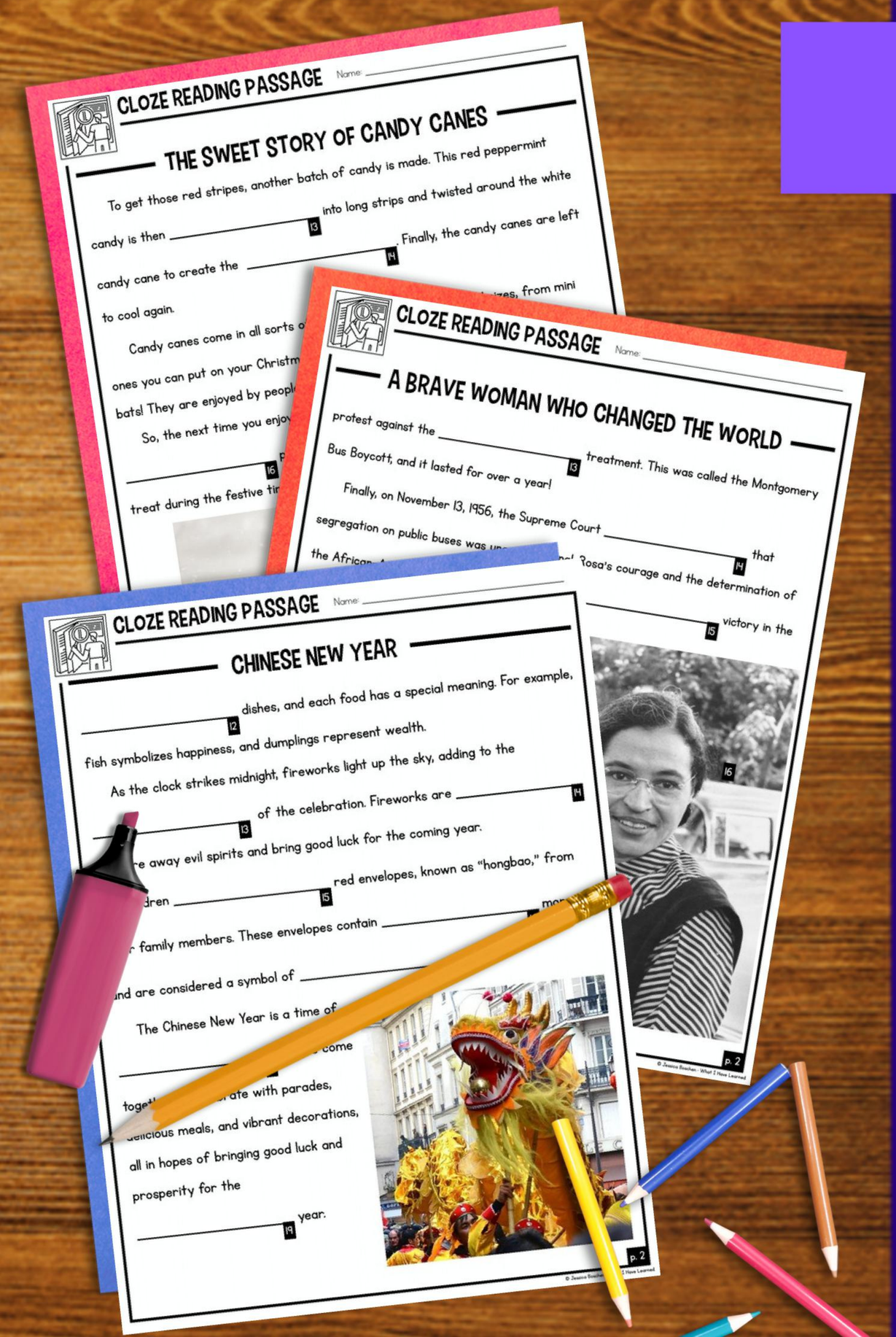
Catalogs can be like mini treasure chests full of _____ (5) clothes, and all sorts of things. It's exciting to flip through them and _____ (6) about all the things you'd like to have.

Some people find it easier to look at pictures and _____ (7) in a catalog than trying to find _____ (8) on a website. It's like window shopping from the comfort of your own home.

Catalogs can be _____ (9). They show you the latest trends and ideas.

DECEMBER TITLES INCLUDE

- **Jimmy's Drone**
- **Candy Canes**
- **Reindeer**
- **Catalogs in the Mail**
- **Lilly's Lights**



WAYS TO USE IN THE CLASSROOM

- **Independent Practice –** Students fill in blanks on their own.
- **Partner Work –** Compare and discuss answers in pairs.
- **Small Groups –** Share responses and debate word choices.
- **Whole-Class –** Discuss varied answers together.
- **Language Focus –** Explore grammar, vocabulary, and word meaning.

YOU WILL LOVE THIS BECAUSE



Improves Comprehension

Students actively use context clues and syntax, deepening their reading skills while practicing vocabulary in meaningful, authentic ways.



Encourages Collaboration

Partner and group discussions build communication, critical thinking, and justification of choices, enhancing peer learning opportunities.



Flexible Strategy

Can be used with any passage—fiction, nonfiction, or content-area texts—making it a versatile tool for all subjects.



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What I have LEARNED