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READ, RESEARCH, AND WRITE

LEAF CUTTER ANT

ANIMAL RESEARCH

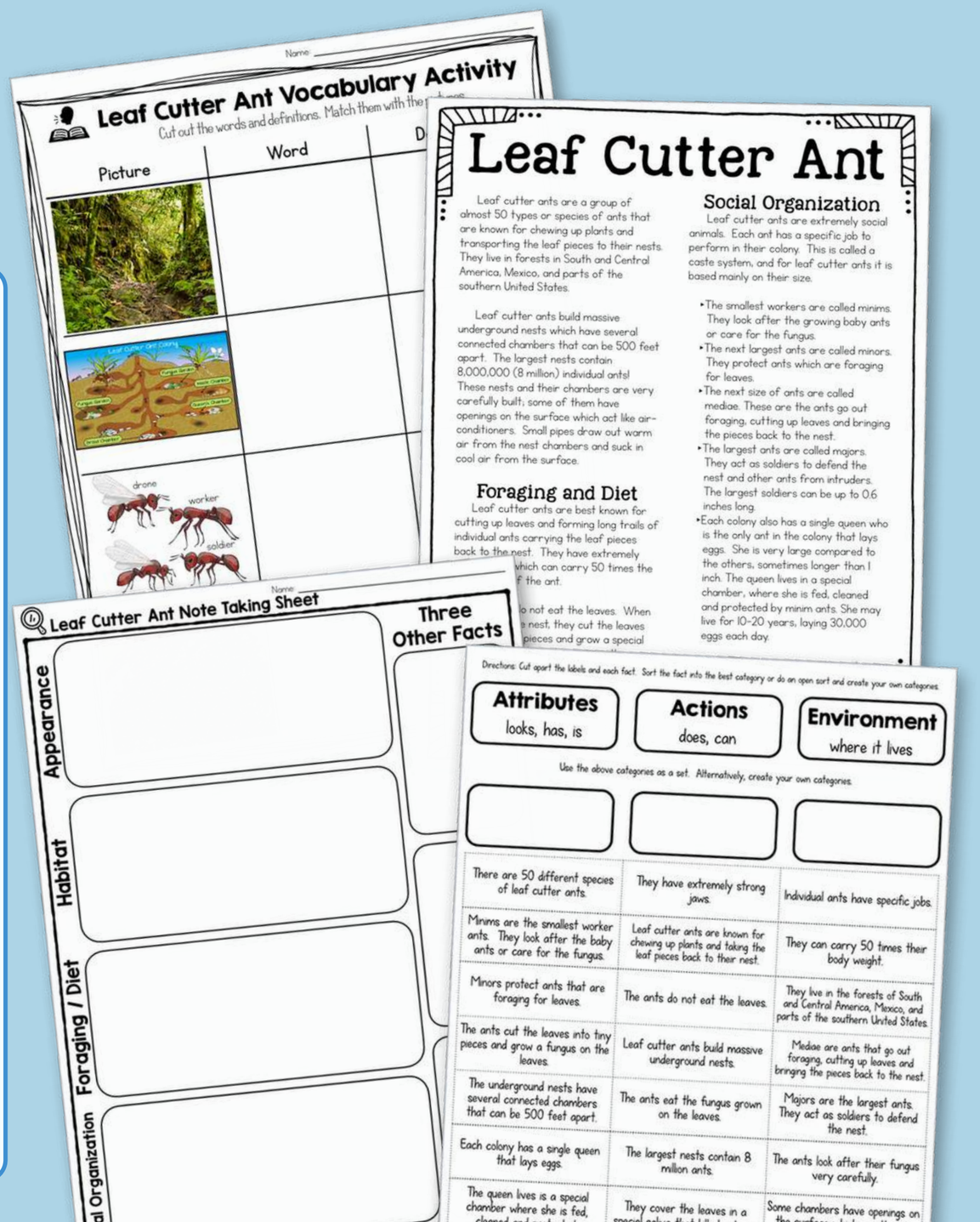
Informational Articles, Activities, and Writing

KEEP SCROLLING TO SEE WHAT'S INSIDE!

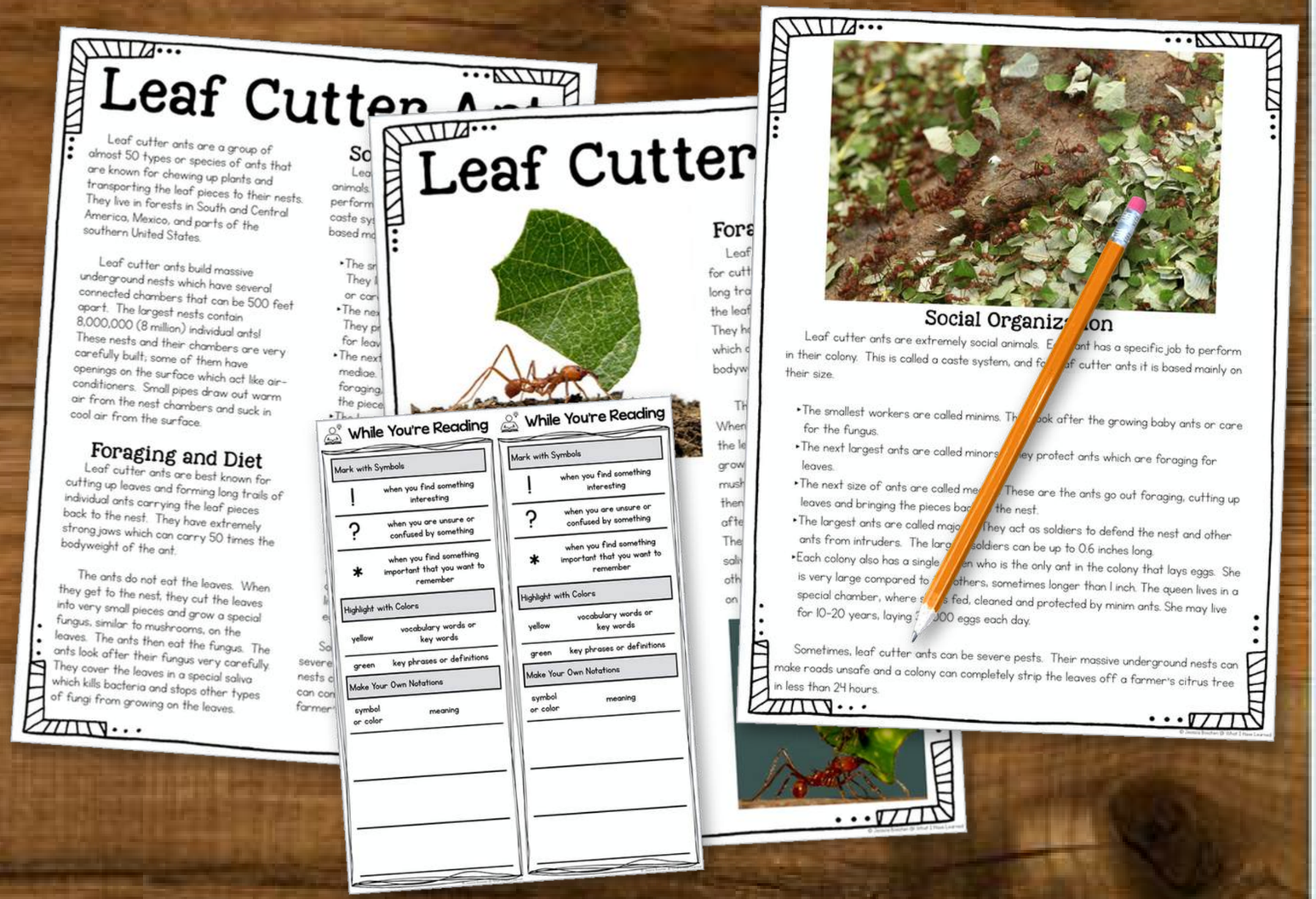
WHAT'S INCLUDED

Read, research, and write

- 1-page and 2-page informational articles
- Vocabulary cards and cut-and-paste activities
- Note-taking organizers and comprehension questions
- Fact sort activities
- Informational writing pages
- Answer keys included
- QR codes for safe video research



READ



Article comes in two formats.

Meet an animal in its habitat

1 ARTICLE

Students read a clear informational article about leaf cutter ant.

2 NOTICE DETAILS

Students look for facts about the leaf cutter ant's appearance, habitat, diet, and behavior.

3 DIFFERENT FORMATS

Teachers choose the article format that fits students' reading needs.

RESEARCH



Research pages make independent fact gathering manageable

Gather facts about leaf cutter ant

1 WATCH AND RESEARCH

Students use one QR-code page to find a safe video source for research about leaf cutter ant.

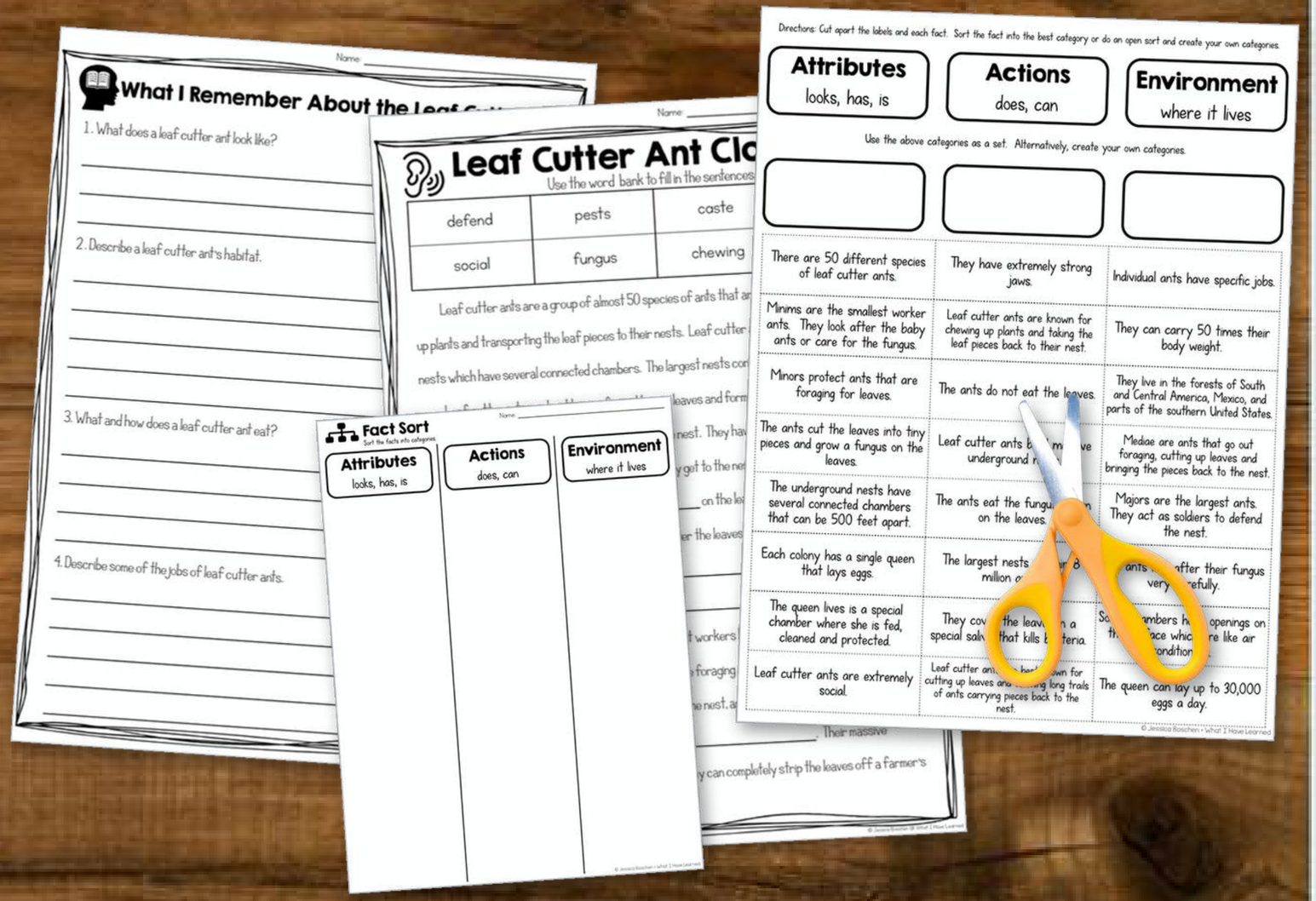
2 TAKE NOTES

Students record facts about the leaf cutter ant's body, habitat, behavior, and life cycle.

3 BUILD VOCABULARY

Students use picture cards and activities to practice important animal words.

ORGANIZE



Comprehension and sorting pages prepare students to write

Sort facts about leaf cutter ant

1 REMEMBER

Students recall important facts after reading about leaf cutter ant.

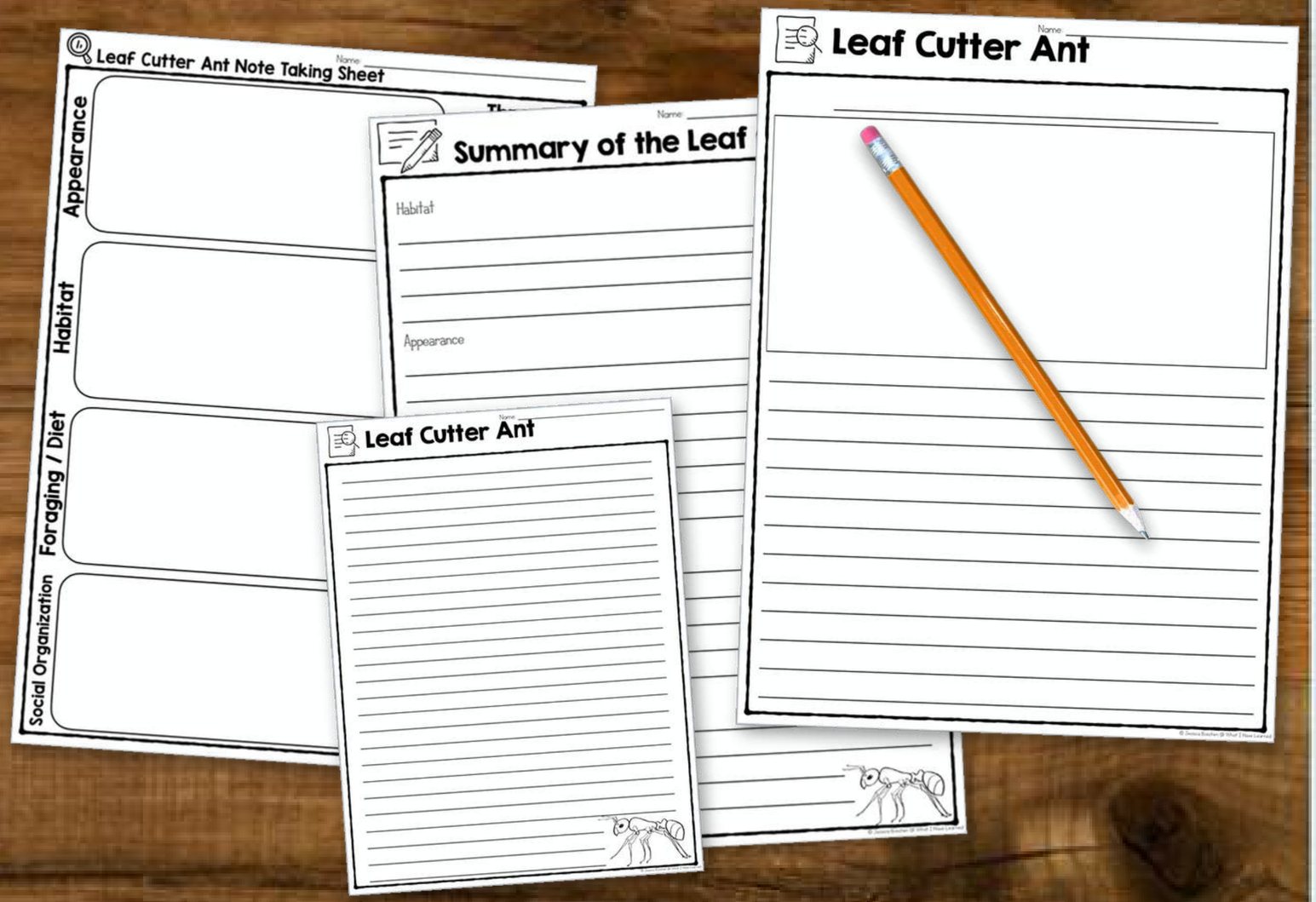
2 CHECK UNDERSTANDING

Students complete a cloze activity using key vocabulary and facts.

3 SORT FACTS

Students organize information into clear categories before writing.

WRITE



From organized notes to a finished informational report

Turn notes into an leaf cutter ant report

1 PLAN

Students use note-taking pages to collect and organize research.

2 SUMMARIZE

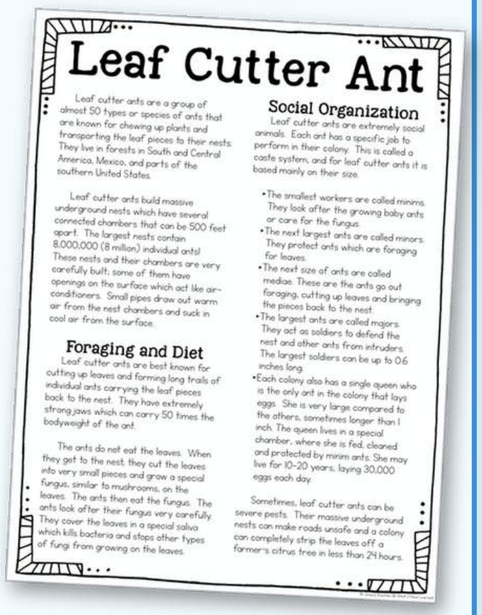
Students turn facts into a focused summary about leaf cutter ant.

3 WRITE

Students use report pages to explain what they learned.

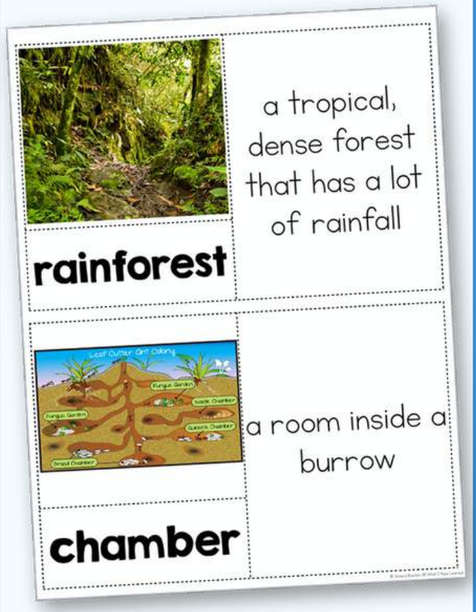
FROM READING TO ANIMAL RESEARCH WRITING

READ



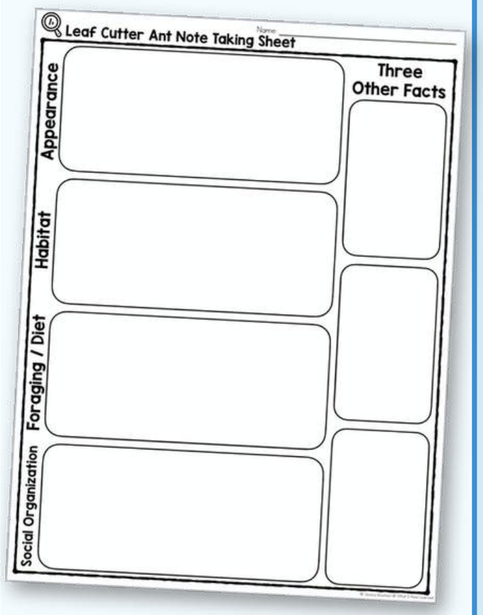
Read an informational article about leaf cutter ant in a format that fits your students.

LEARN



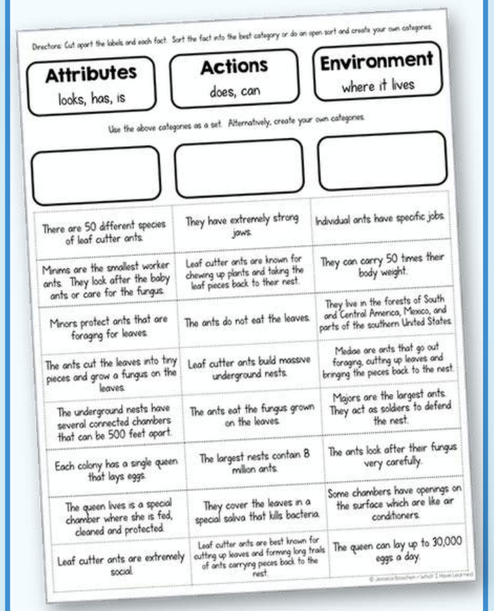
Build vocabulary with picture cards and activities about leaf cutter ant features and habitats.

RESEARCH



Gather facts about the leaf cutter ant's appearance, habitat, diet, and behavior.

ORGANIZE



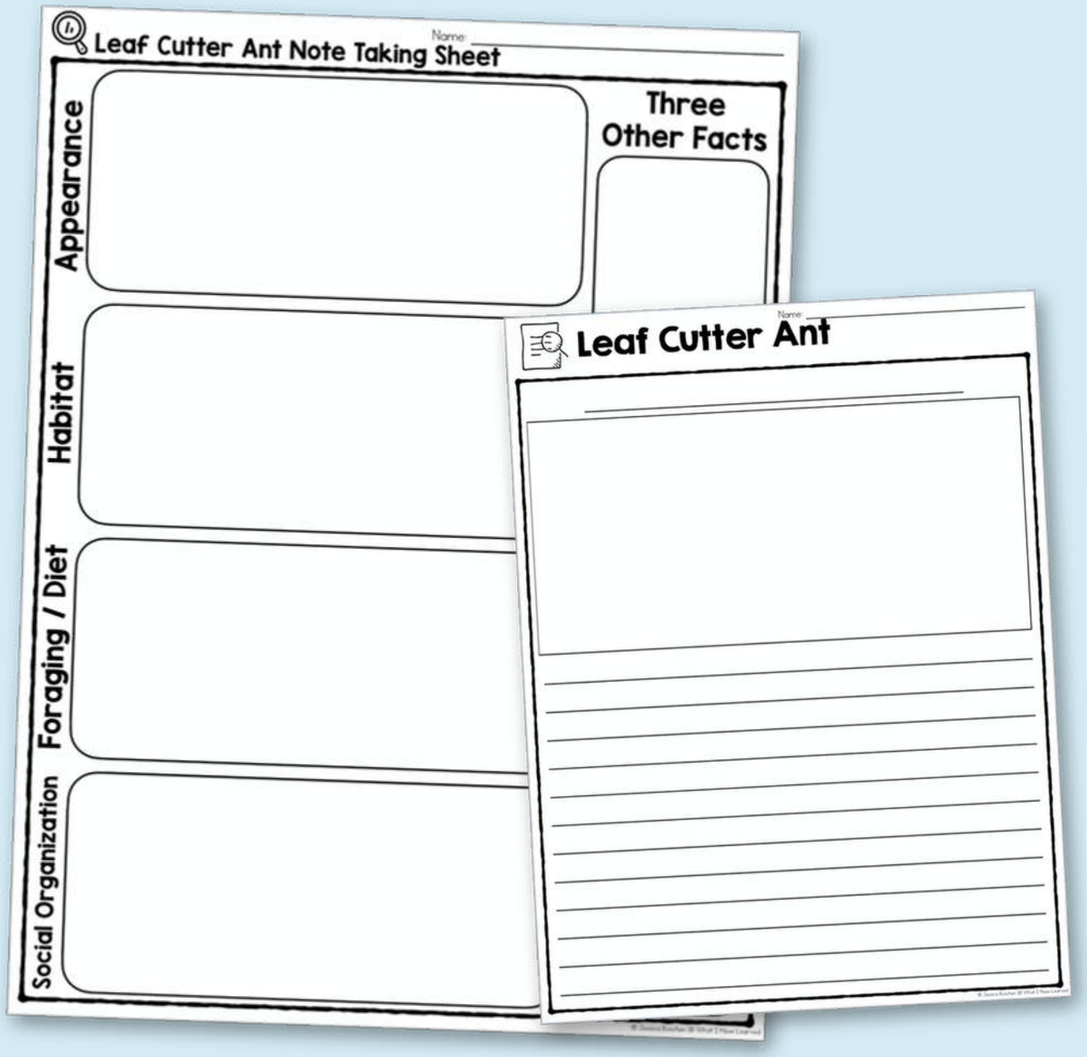
Sort facts into appearance, habitat, behavior, and life cycle categories.

WRITE



Use the writing pages to turn notes into an animal research report about leaf cutter ant.

WAYS TO USE THIS RESOURCE



1

ANIMAL STUDY

Use the articles and vocabulary pages during a science or nonfiction unit about leaf cutter ant.

2

GUIDED READING

Choose the article format and comprehension pages that fit your readers.

3

ANIMAL RESEARCH

Use QR-code research and note-taking sheets to collect facts from multiple sources.

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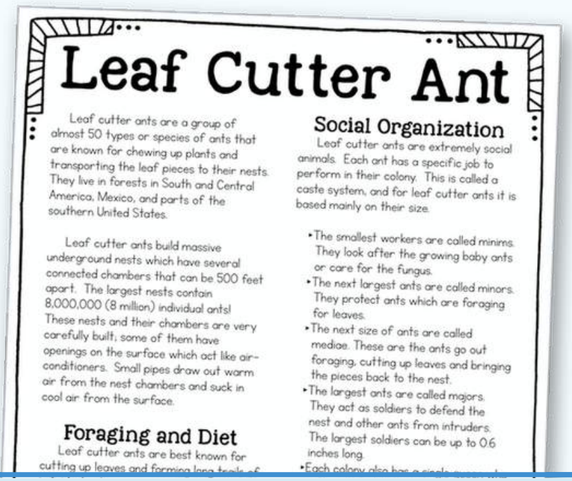
INFORMATIONAL WRITING

Move from organized notes to a clear report about leaf cutter ant.

YOU WILL LOVE THIS BECAUSE

PERFECT FOR SCIENCE AND ELA

Students read, write, sort, and research while learning about leaf cutter ant adaptations and habitats.


Leaf Cutter Ant

Leaf cutter ants are a group of almost 50 types or species of ants that are known for chewing up plants and transporting the leaf pieces to their nests. They live in forests in South and Central America, Mexico, and parts of the southern United States.

Leaf cutter ants build massive underground nests which have several connected chambers that can be 500 feet apart. The largest nests contain 8,000,000 (8 million) individual ants! These nests and their chambers are very carefully built; some of them have openings on the surface which act like air-conditioners. Small pipes draw out warm air from the nest chambers and suck in cool air from the surface.

Foraging and Diet

Leaf cutter ants are best known for

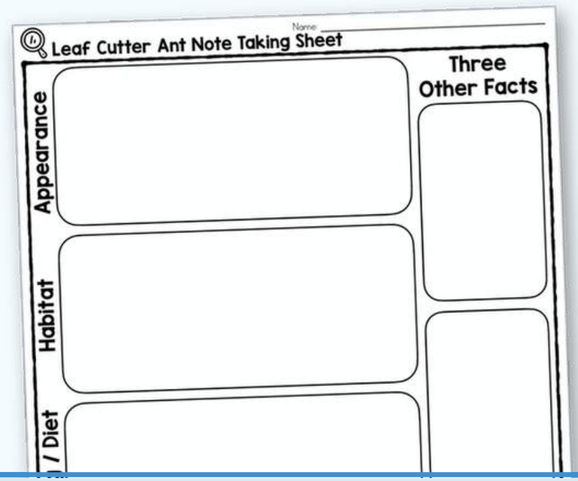
Social Organization

Leaf cutter ants are extremely social animals. Each ant has a specific job to perform in their colony. This is called a caste system, and for leaf cutter ants it is based mainly on their size.

- The smallest workers are called minims. They look after the growing baby ants or care for the fungus.
- The next largest ants are called minors. They protect ants which are foraging for leaves.
- The next size of ants are called mediae. These are the ants go out foraging, cutting up leaves and bringing the pieces back to the nest.
- The largest ants are called majors. They act as soldiers to defend the nest and other ants from intruders. The largest soldiers can be up to 0.6 inches long.

SAVES TIME WITH CONSISTENT LAYOUTS

Clear article, activity, and writing pages make planning simple and support independent work.


Name:

Leaf Cutter Ant Note Taking Sheet

Three Other Facts

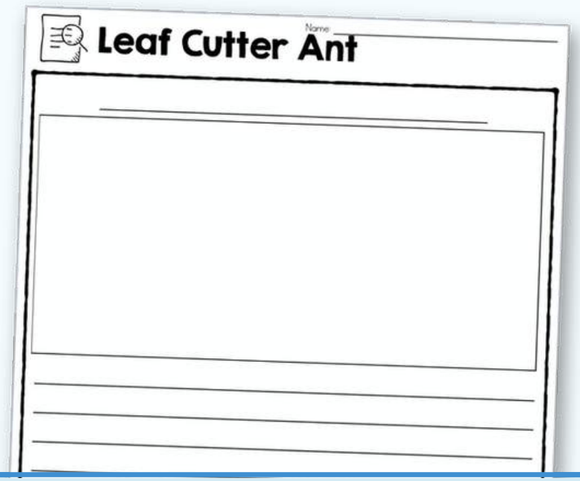
Appearance

Habitat

/ Diet

SUPPORTS ANIMAL RESEARCH

Vocabulary cards, fact sorts, and note-taking organizers help students prepare an informational report.


Name:

Leaf Cutter Ant

TEACHERS LOVE IT!

★★★★★

This was a high interest passage and had nice images and activities.

Deborah K.

★★★★★

We used the Leaf Cutter Ant reading passage and activities as an at home family activity and it was great!!! The families learned new vocabulary terms and worked together, it was GREAT!!!!

Angel Johnson

★★★★★

Totally awesome! My kids learned so much using this product!

Robin's Nest





READY FOR YOUR CLASSROOM

- **Informational articles in two formats**
- **Vocabulary, comprehension, and research activities**
- **Note-taking and informational writing pages**



My passion is making learning accessible to all students. I love scaffolding learning, breaking down the concepts and building them up so that students can see the connections. I love figuring out the small components that build up to the big ideas and helping students see it all.



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What I have LEARNED