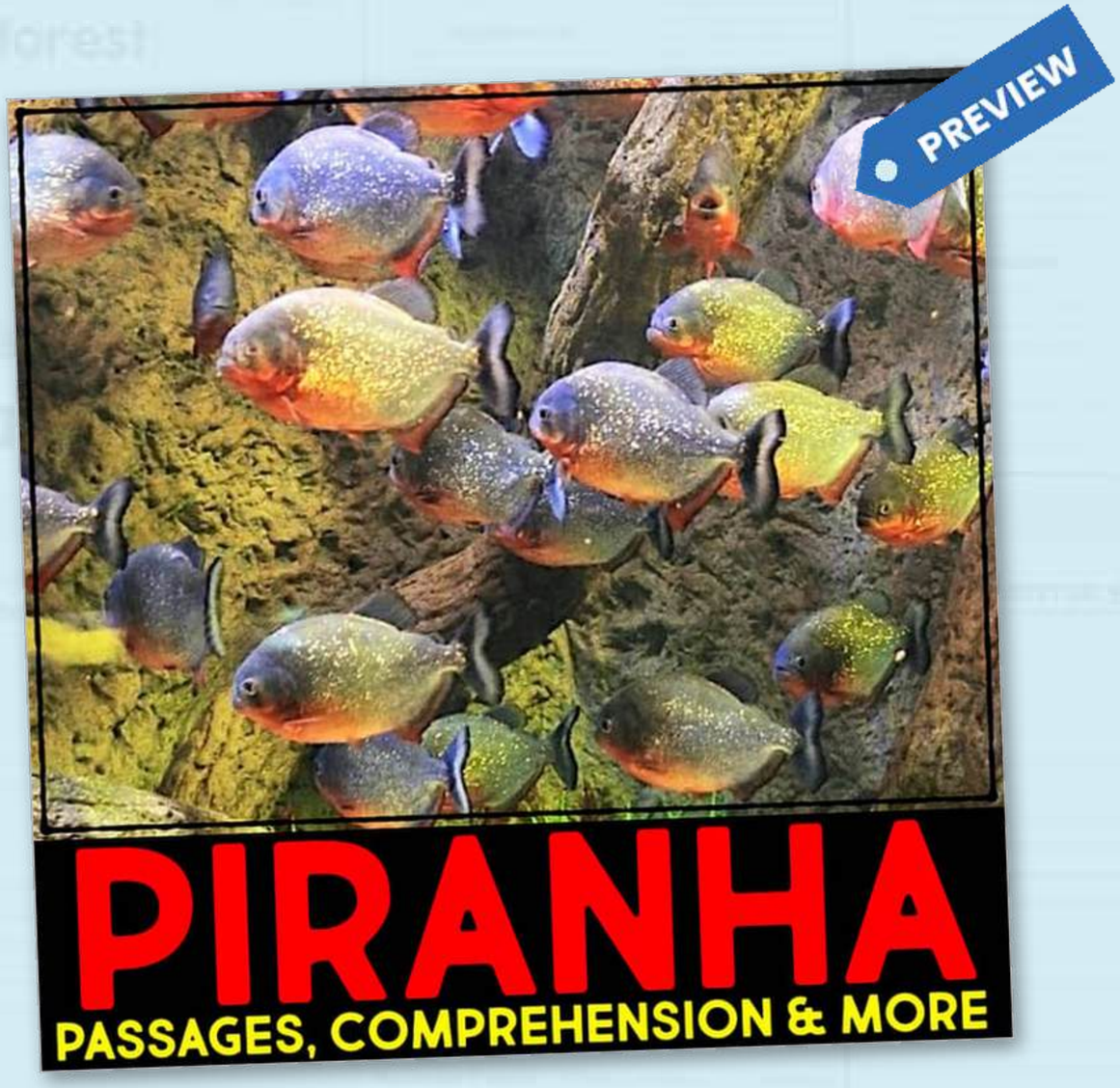
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READ, RESEARCH, AND WRITE

PIRANHA

ANIMAL RESEARCH

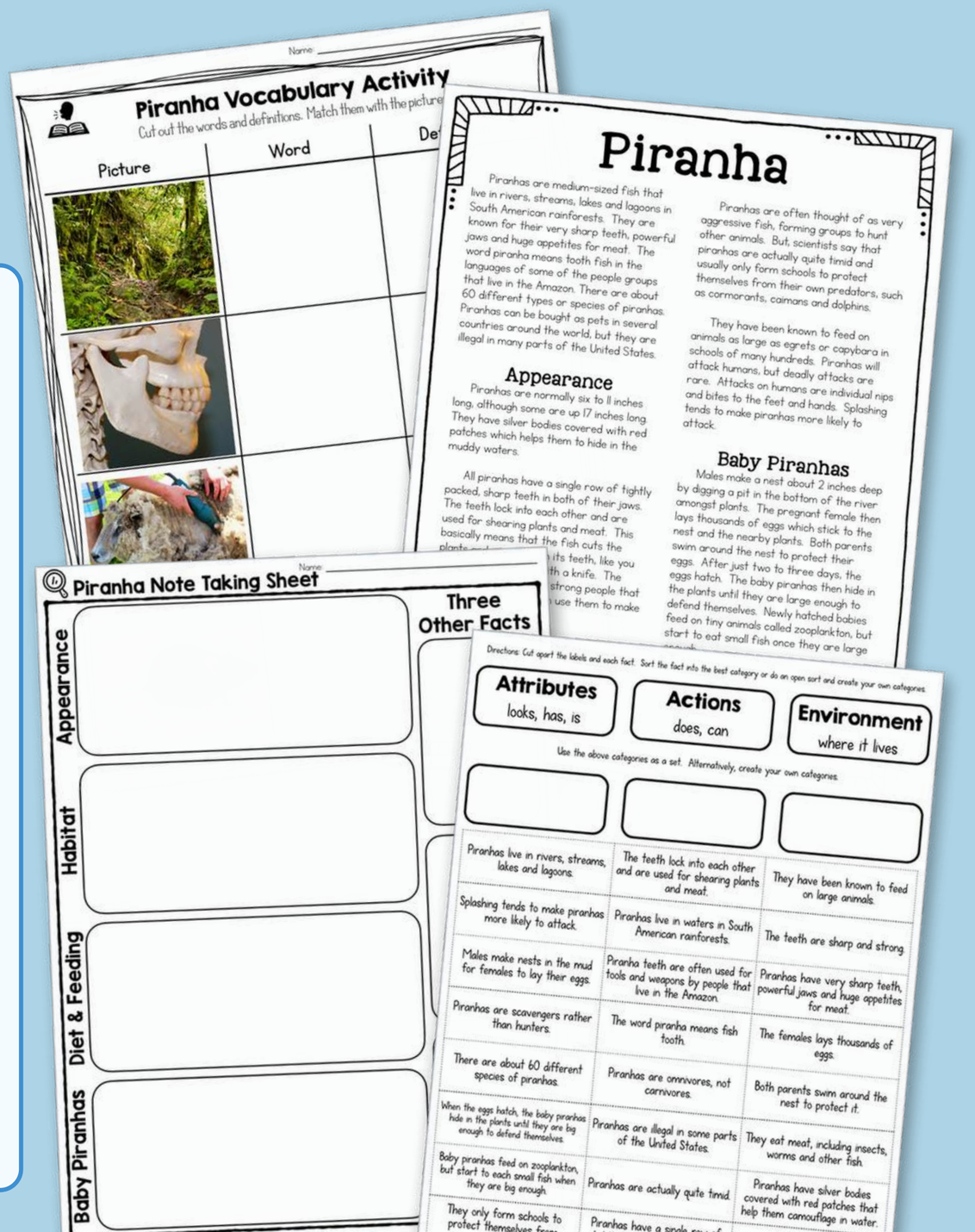
Informational Articles, Activities, and Writing

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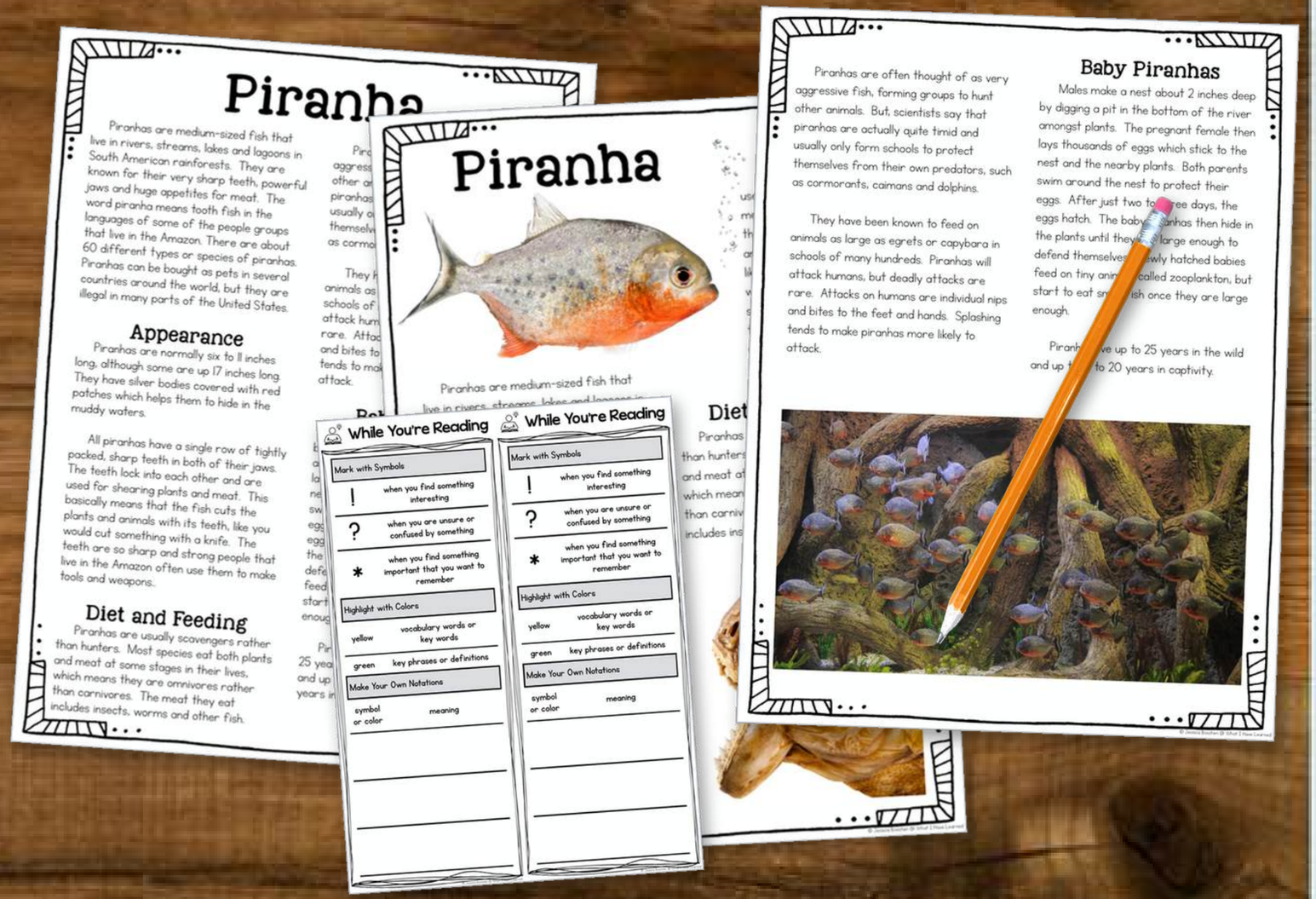
WHAT'S INCLUDED

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 piranha.

2 NOTICE DETAILS

Students look for facts about the piranha'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 piranha

1 WATCH AND RESEARCH

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

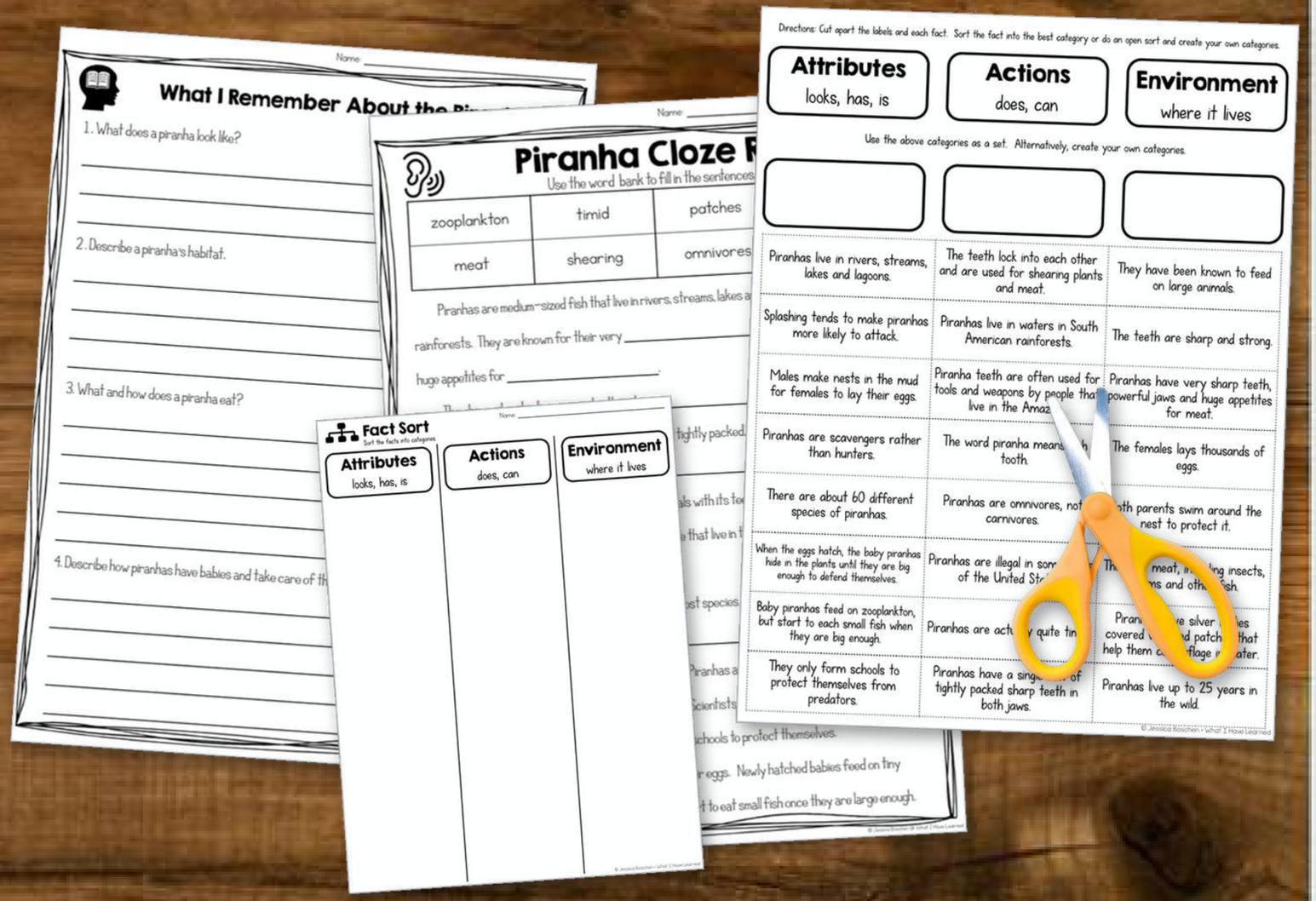
2 TAKE NOTES

Students record facts about the piranha'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 piranha

1 REMEMBER

Students recall important facts after reading about piranha.

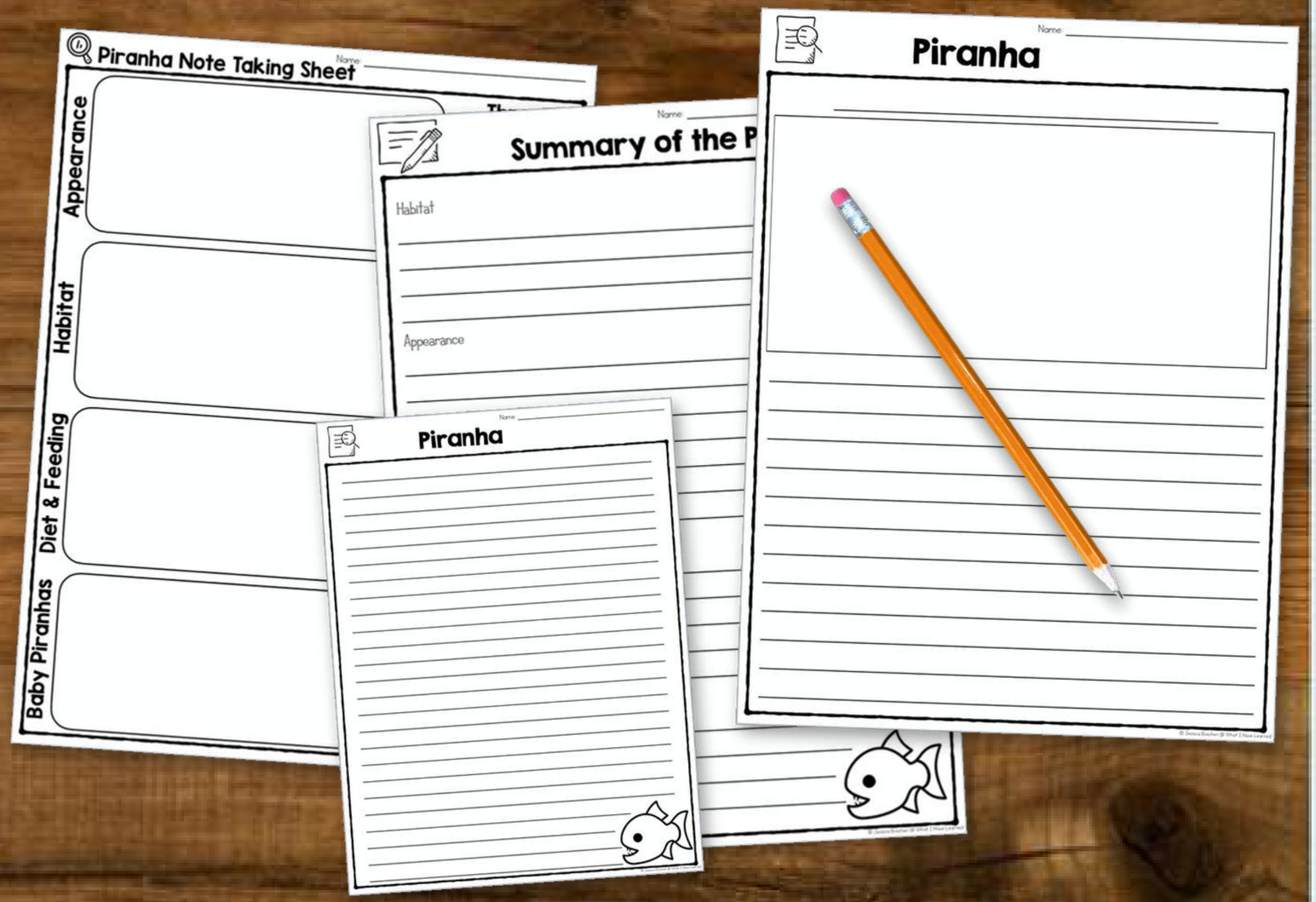
2 CHECK UNDERSTANDING

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 piranha report

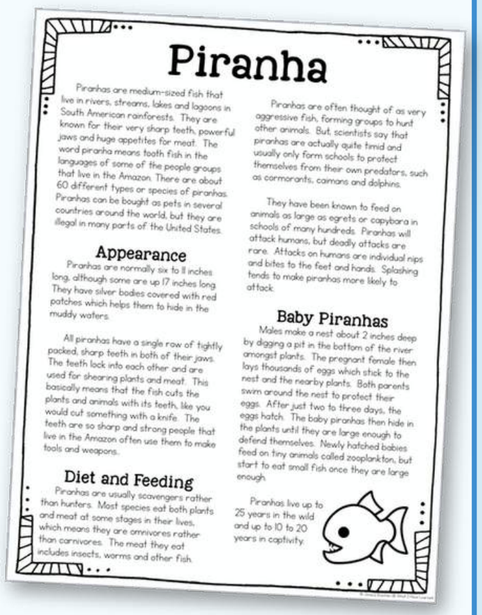
1 PLAN
Students use note-taking pages to collect and organize research.

2 SUMMARIZE
Students turn facts into a focused summary about piranha.

3 WRITE
Students use report pages to explain what they learned.

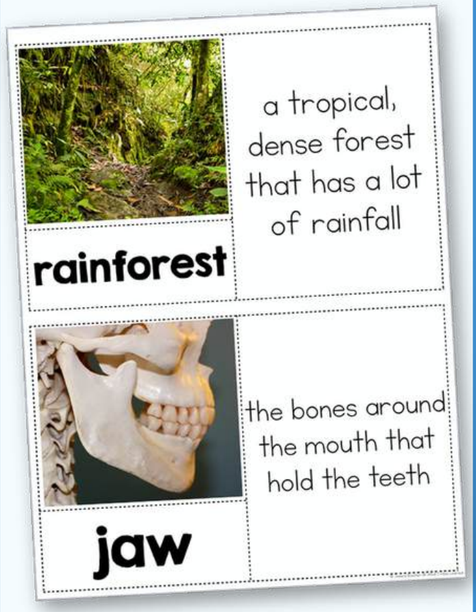
FROM READING TO ANIMAL RESEARCH WRITING

READ



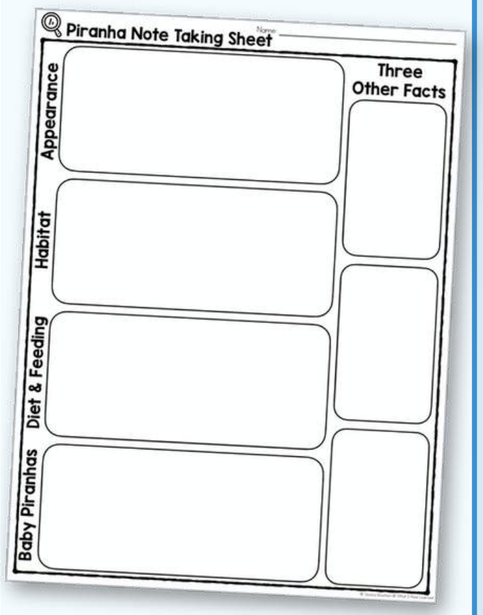
Read an informational article about piranha in a format that fits your students.

LEARN



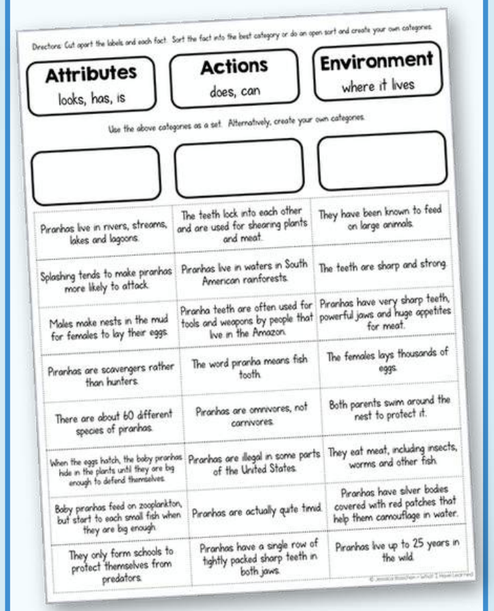
Build vocabulary with picture cards and activities about piranha features and habitats.

RESEARCH



Gather facts about the piranha's appearance, habitat, diet, and behavior.

ORGANIZE



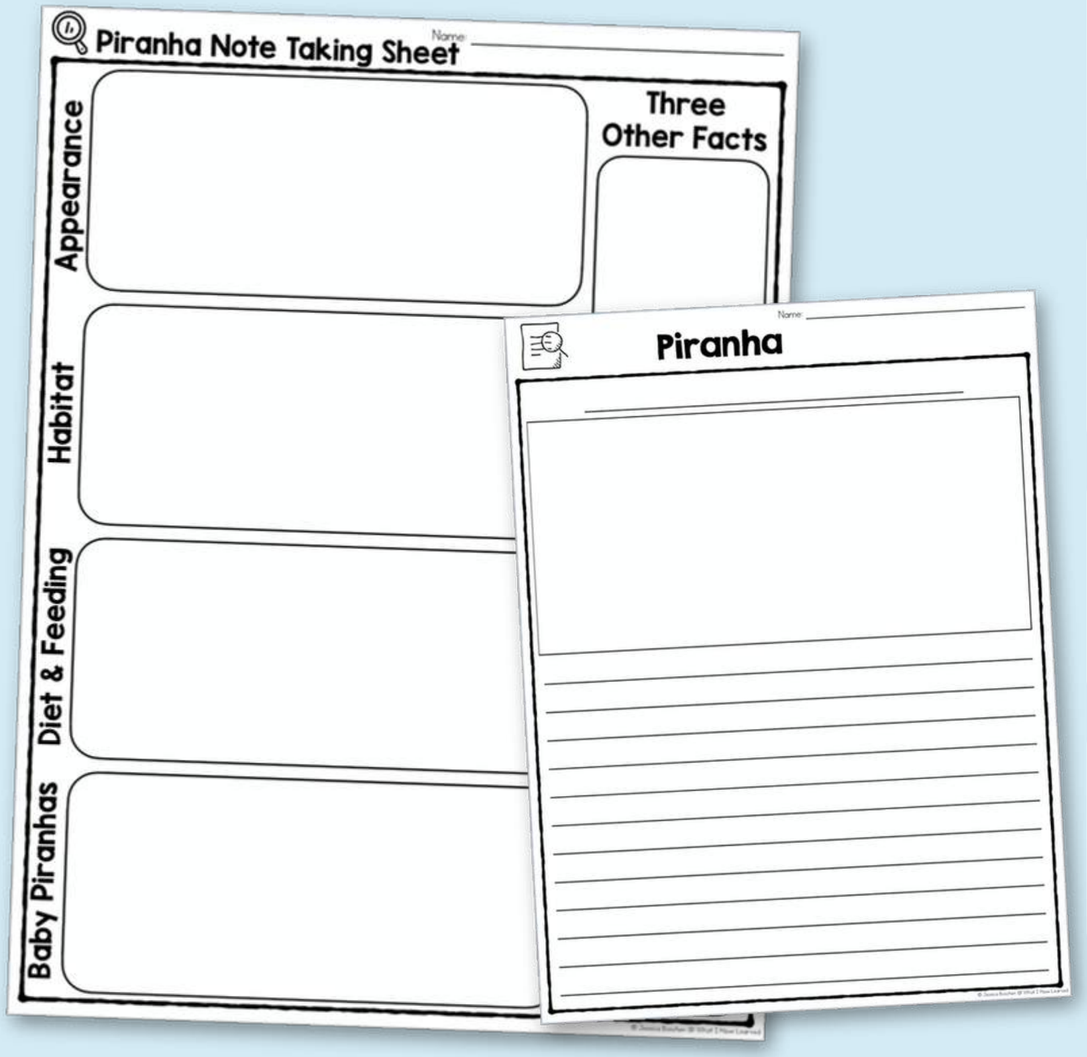
Sort facts into appearance, habitat, behavior, and life cycle categories.

WRITE



Use the writing pages to turn notes into an animal research report about piranha.

WAYS TO USE THIS RESOURCE



1

ANIMAL STUDY

Use the articles and vocabulary pages during a science or nonfiction unit about piranha.

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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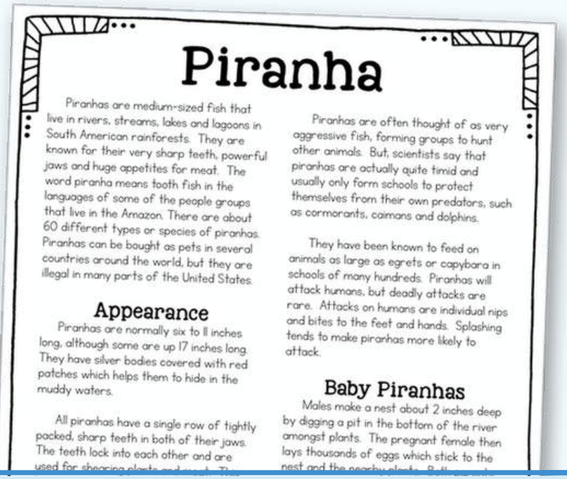
INFORMATIONAL WRITING

Move from organized notes to a clear report about piranha.

YOU WILL LOVE THIS BECAUSE

PERFECT FOR SCIENCE AND ELA

Students read, write, sort, and research while learning about piranha adaptations and habitats.


Piranha

Piranhas are medium-sized fish that live in rivers, streams, lakes and lagoons in South American rainforests. They are known for their very sharp teeth, powerful jaws and huge appetites for meat. The word piranha means tooth fish in the languages of some of the people groups that live in the Amazon. There are about 60 different types or species of piranhas. Piranhas can be bought as pets in several countries around the world, but they are illegal in many parts of the United States.

Appearance

Piranhas are normally six to 11 inches long, although some are up 17 inches long. They have silver bodies covered with red patches which helps them to hide in the muddy waters.

All piranhas have a single row of tightly packed, sharp teeth in both of their jaws. The teeth lock into each other and are

Piranhas are often thought of as very aggressive fish, forming groups to hunt other animals. But, scientists say that piranhas are actually quite timid and usually only form schools to protect themselves from their own predators, such as cormorants, caimans and dolphins.

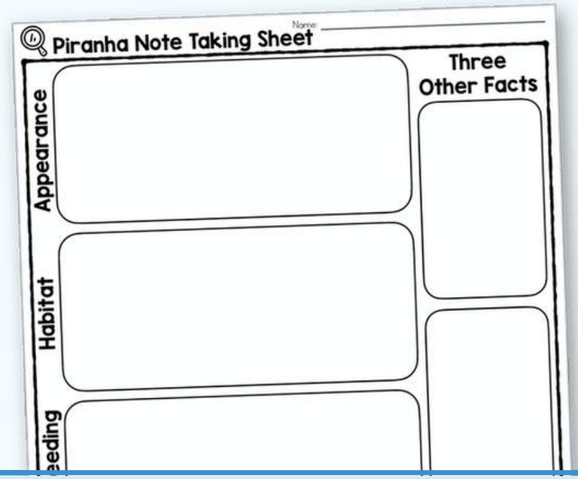
They have been known to feed on animals as large as egrets or capybara in schools of many hundreds. Piranhas will attack humans, but deadly attacks are rare. Attacks on humans are individual nips and bites to the feet and hands. Splashing tends to make piranhas more likely to attack.

Baby Piranhas

Males make a nest about 2 inches deep by digging a pit in the bottom of the river amongst plants. The pregnant female then lays thousands of eggs which stick to the

SAVES TIME WITH CONSISTENT LAYOUTS

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


Piranha Note Taking Sheet

Name:

Three Other Facts

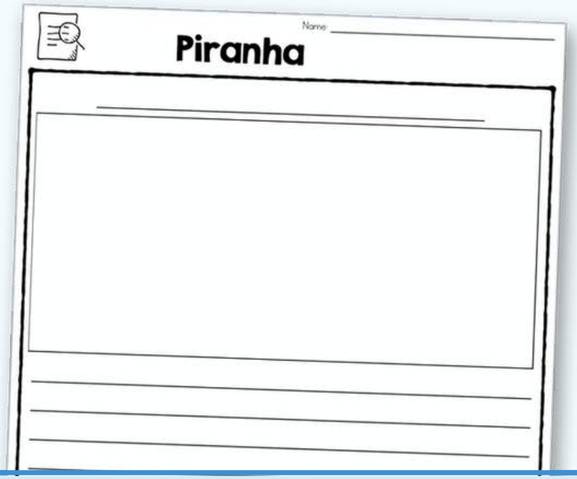
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SUPPORTS ANIMAL RESEARCH

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


Piranha

Name:

TEACHERS LOVE IT!

★★★★★

Students really enjoyed this product. Very easy to use.

Teacher Nerd Anonymous

★★★★★

A student I was tutoring in reading became super interested in piranas so I leaned into their interest and found this resource to use with them. I loved the differentiated levels.

Shannon N.

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Perfect resource for learning about the Piranah! I love that there are many activities included in this bundle, such as reading passages, fill in the blanks and cut and paste to name a few. Very engaging and worthwhile. Thank you!

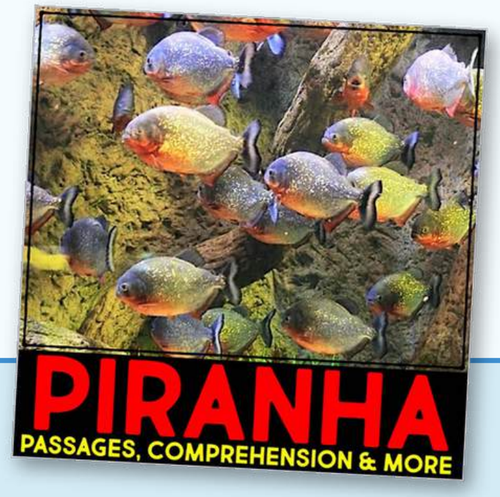
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READY FOR YOUR CLASSROOM

- **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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