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READ, RESEARCH, AND WRITE

GILA MONSTER

ANIMAL RESEARCH

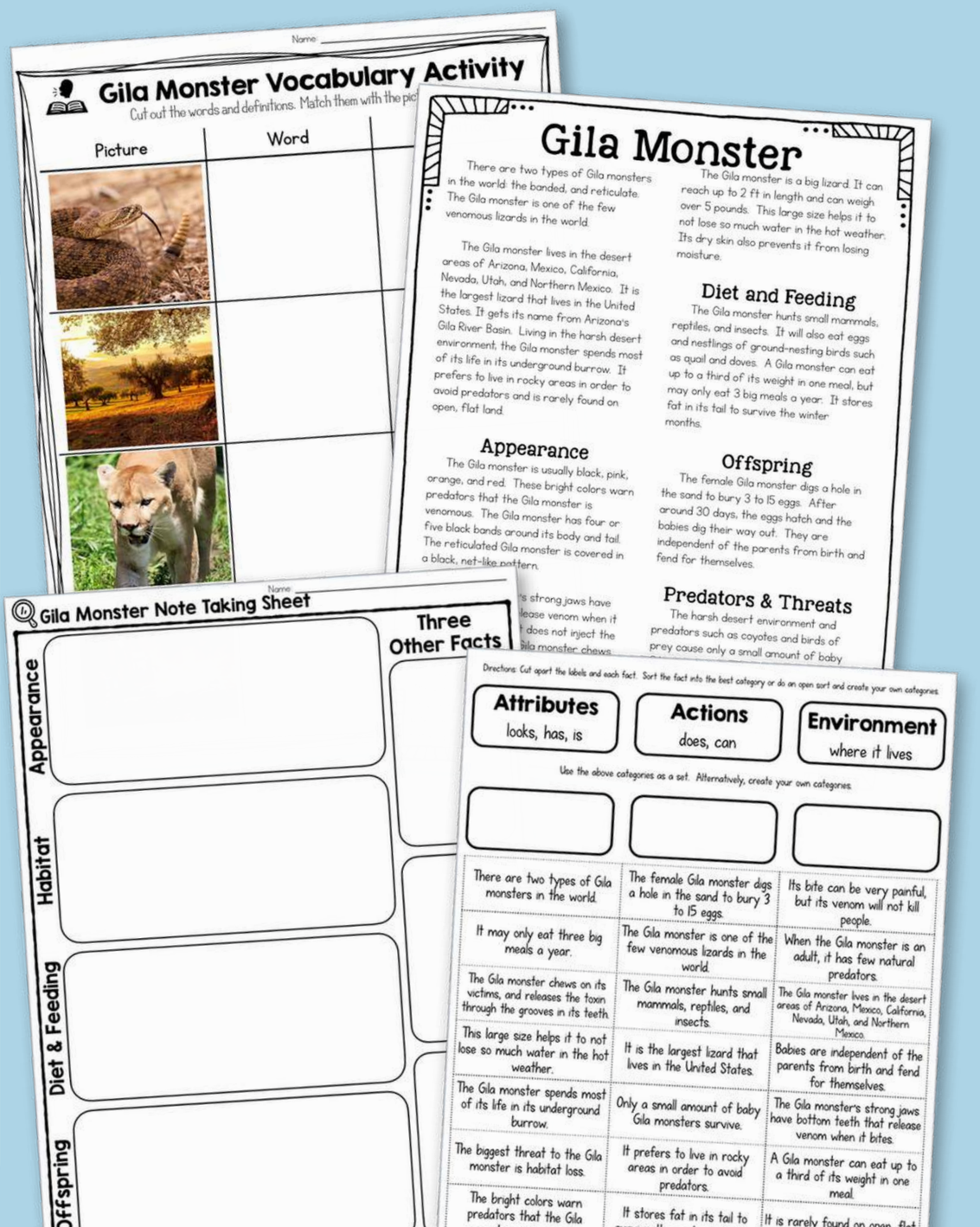
Informational Articles, Activities, and Writing

KEEP SCROLLING TO SEE WHAT'S INSIDE!

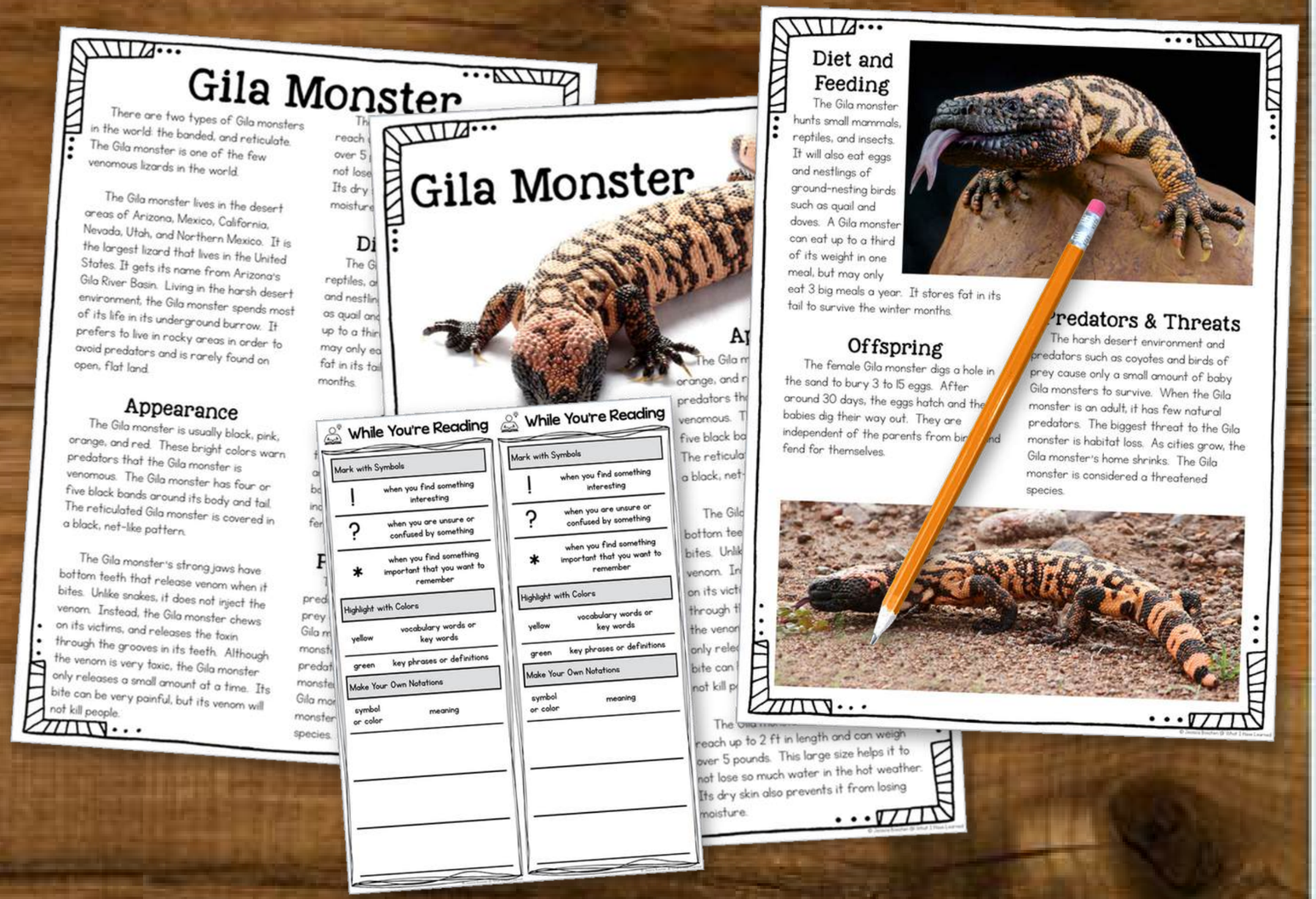
WHAT'S INCLUDED

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 gila monster.

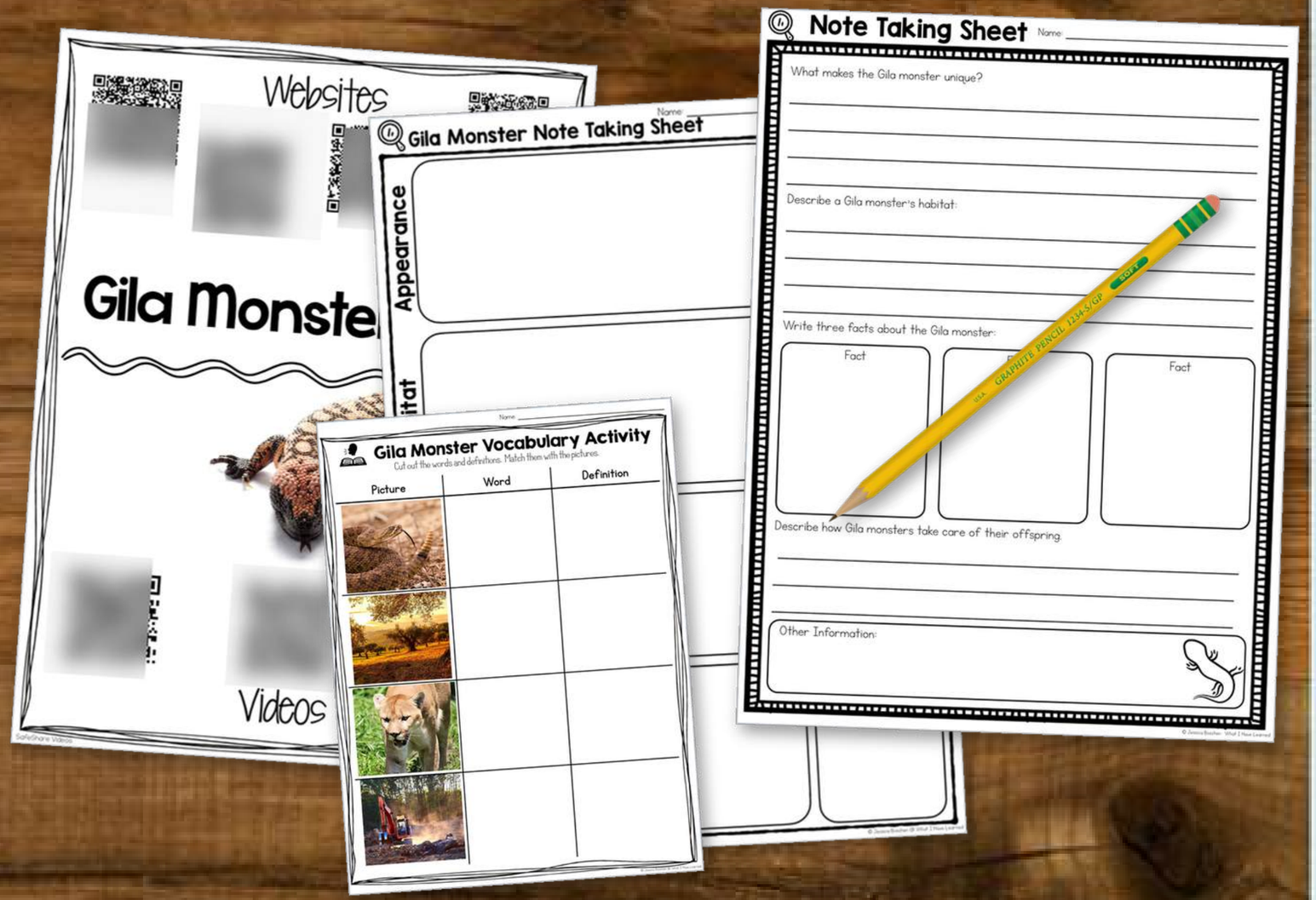
2 NOTICE DETAILS

Students look for facts about the gila monster'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 gila monster

1 WATCH AND RESEARCH

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

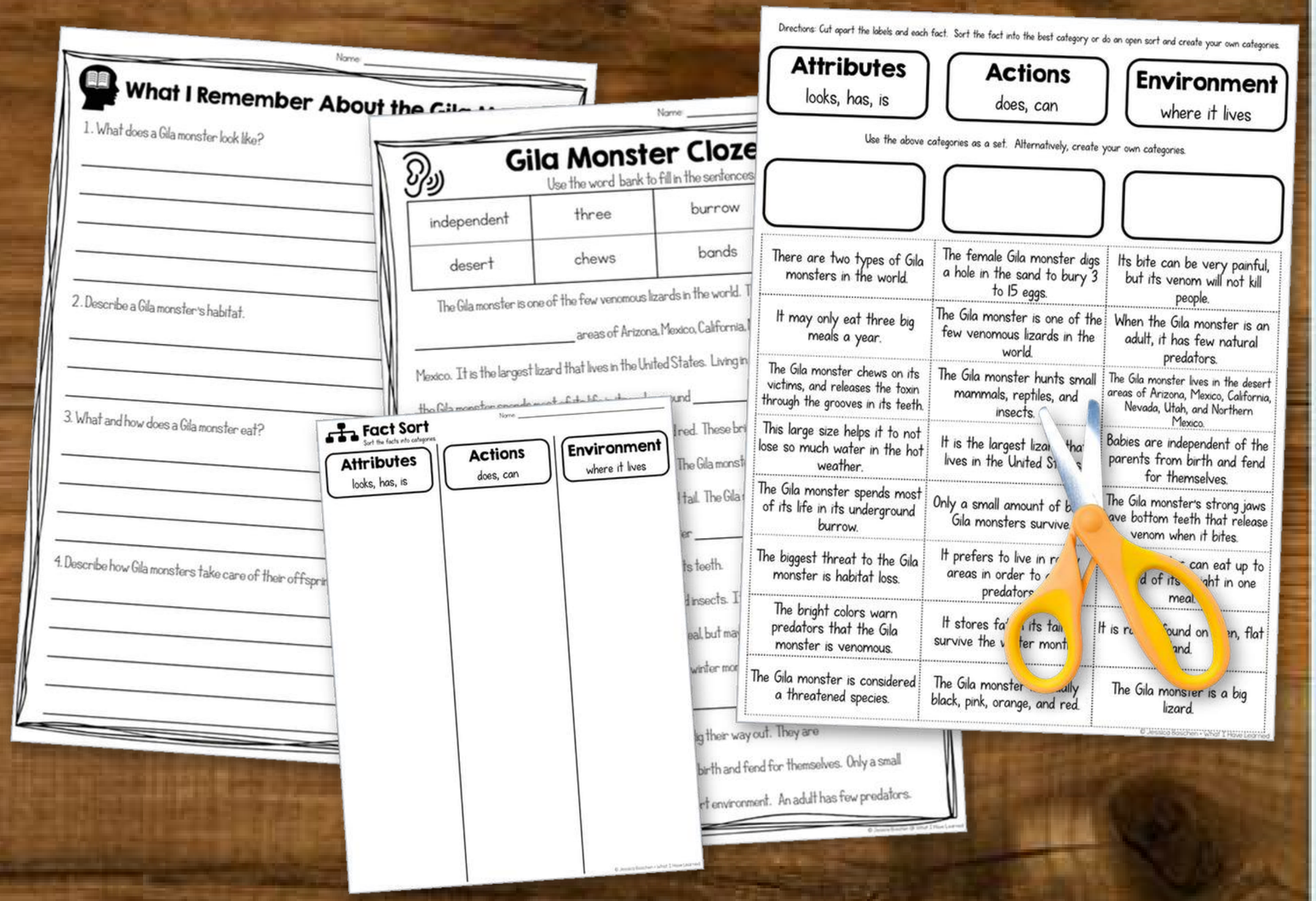
2 TAKE NOTES

Students record facts about the gila monster'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 gila monster

1 REMEMBER

Students recall important facts after reading about gila monster.

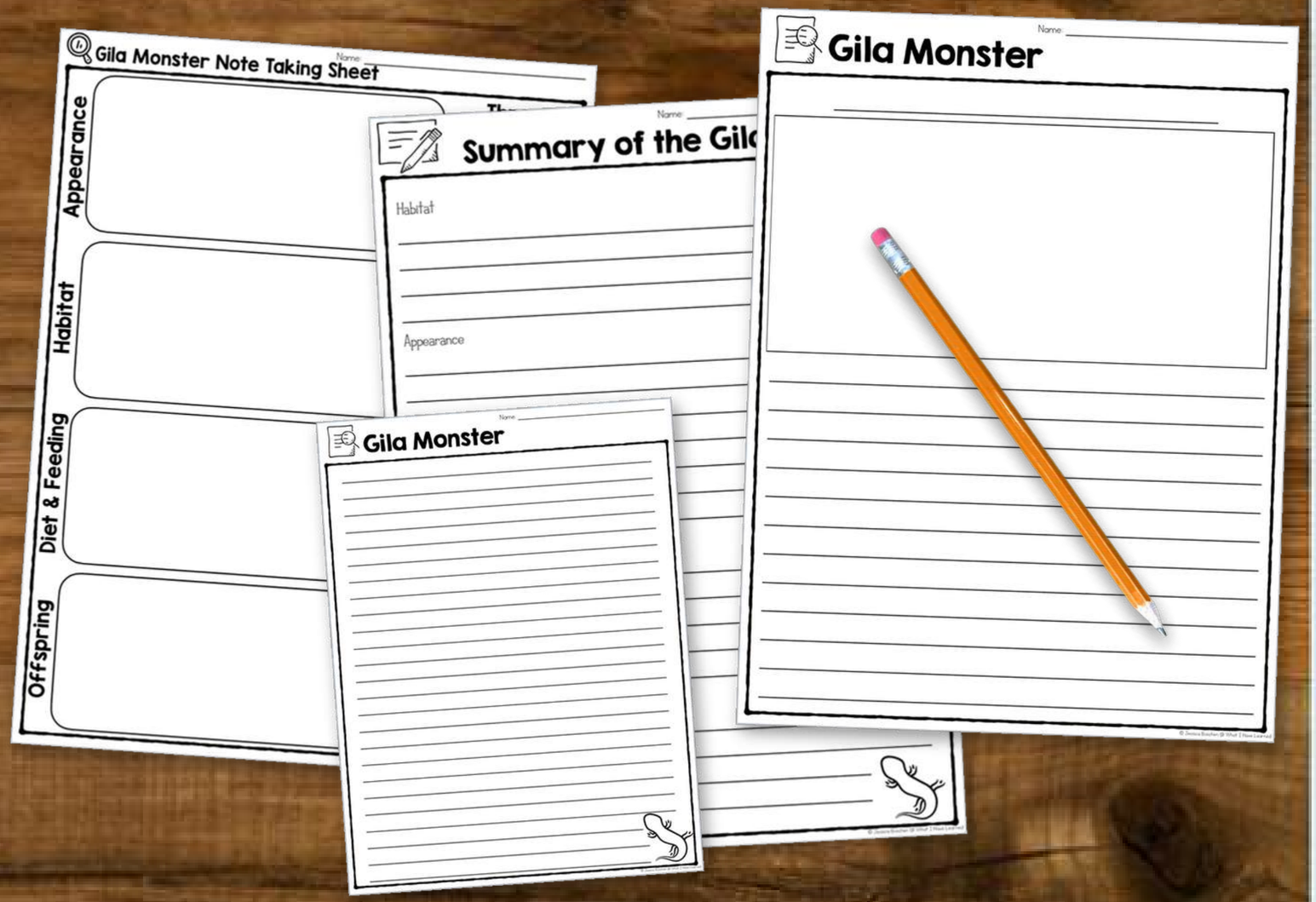
2 CHECK UNDERSTANDING

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 gila monster report

1 PLAN

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

2 SUMMARIZE

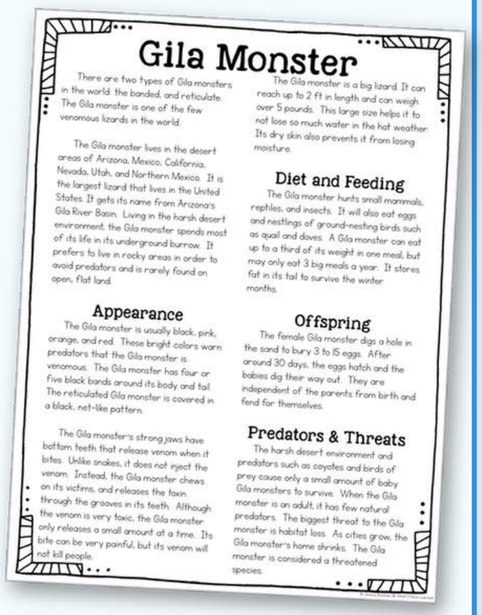
Students turn facts into a focused summary about gila monster.

3 WRITE

Students use report pages to explain what they learned.

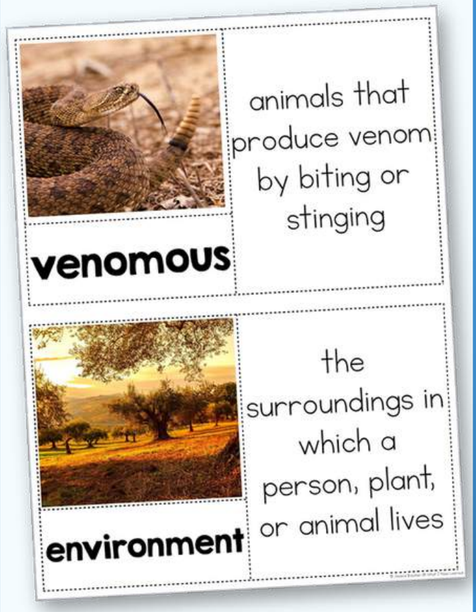
FROM READING TO ANIMAL RESEARCH WRITING

READ



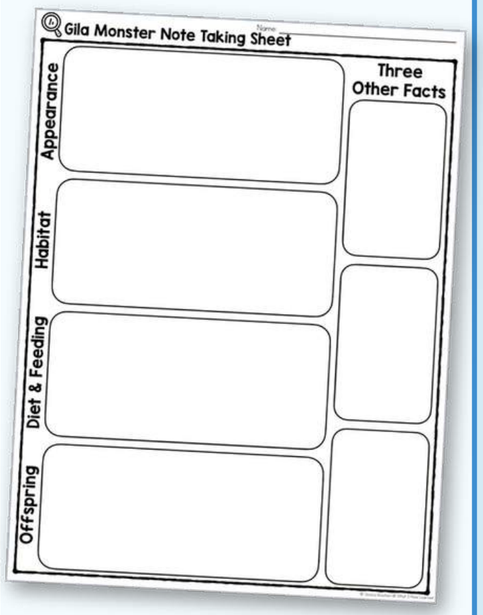
Read an informational article about gila monster in a format that fits your students.

LEARN



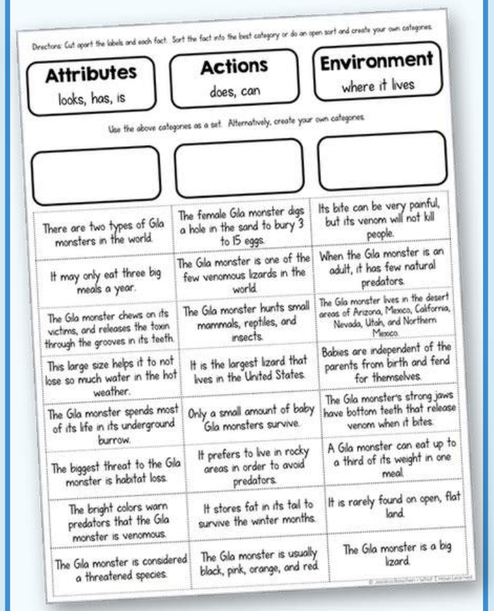
Build vocabulary with picture cards and activities about gila monster features and habitats.

RESEARCH



Gather facts about the gila monster'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 gila monster.

WAYS TO USE THIS RESOURCE



1

ANIMAL STUDY

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

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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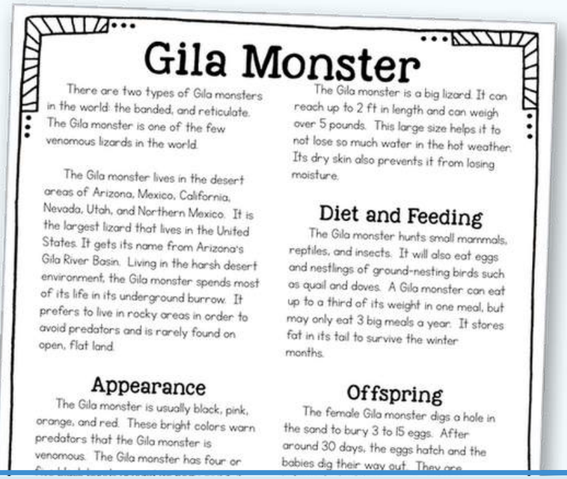
INFORMATIONAL WRITING

Move from organized notes to a clear report about gila monster.

YOU WILL LOVE THIS BECAUSE

PERFECT FOR SCIENCE AND ELA

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


Gila Monster

There are two types of Gila monsters in the world: the banded, and reticulate. The Gila monster is one of the few venomous lizards in the world.

The Gila monster lives in the desert areas of Arizona, Mexico, California, Nevada, Utah, and Northern Mexico. It is the largest lizard that lives in the United States. It gets its name from Arizona's Gila River Basin. Living in the harsh desert environment, the Gila monster spends most of its life in its underground burrow. It prefers to live in rocky areas in order to avoid predators and is rarely found on open, flat land.

Appearance

The Gila monster is usually black, pink, orange, and red. These bright colors warn predators that the Gila monster is venomous. The Gila monster has four or

The Gila monster is a big lizard. It can reach up to 2 ft in length and can weigh over 5 pounds. This large size helps it to not lose so much water in the hot weather. Its dry skin also prevents it from losing moisture.

Diet and Feeding

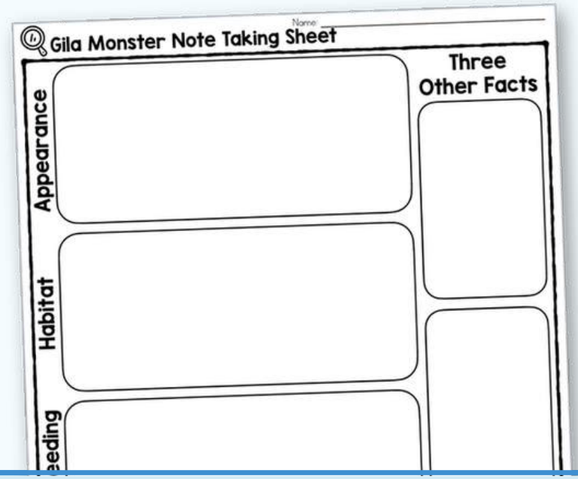
The Gila monster hunts small mammals, reptiles, and insects. It will also eat eggs and nestlings of ground-nesting birds such as quail and doves. A Gila monster can eat up to a third of its weight in one meal, but may only eat 3 big meals a year. It stores fat in its tail to survive the winter months.

Offspring

The female Gila monster digs a hole in the sand to bury 3 to 15 eggs. After around 30 days, the eggs hatch and the babies dig their way out. They are

SAVES TIME WITH CONSISTENT LAYOUTS

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


Gila Monster Note Taking Sheet

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Three Other Facts

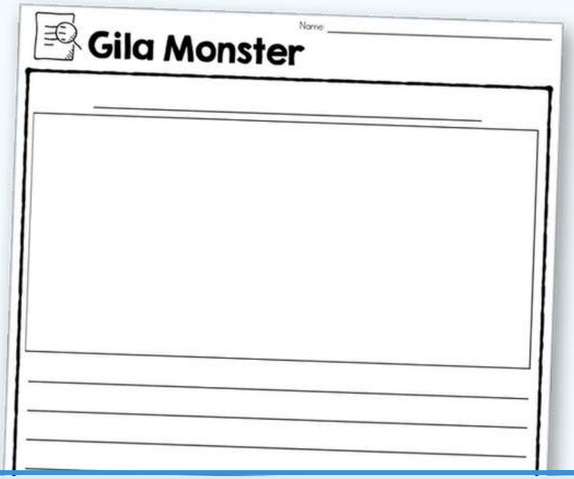
Appearance

Habitat

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SUPPORTS ANIMAL RESEARCH

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


Gila Monster

Name:

TEACHERS LOVE IT!

★★★★★

This resource provided helpful information about gila monsters for a research report.

Penelope L.

★★★★★

This was so interesting and engaging for my students!

Kristi S.

★★★★★

This was a great resource for my students and their animal research project! It paired so well with our Wonders Unit!

Casey S.





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