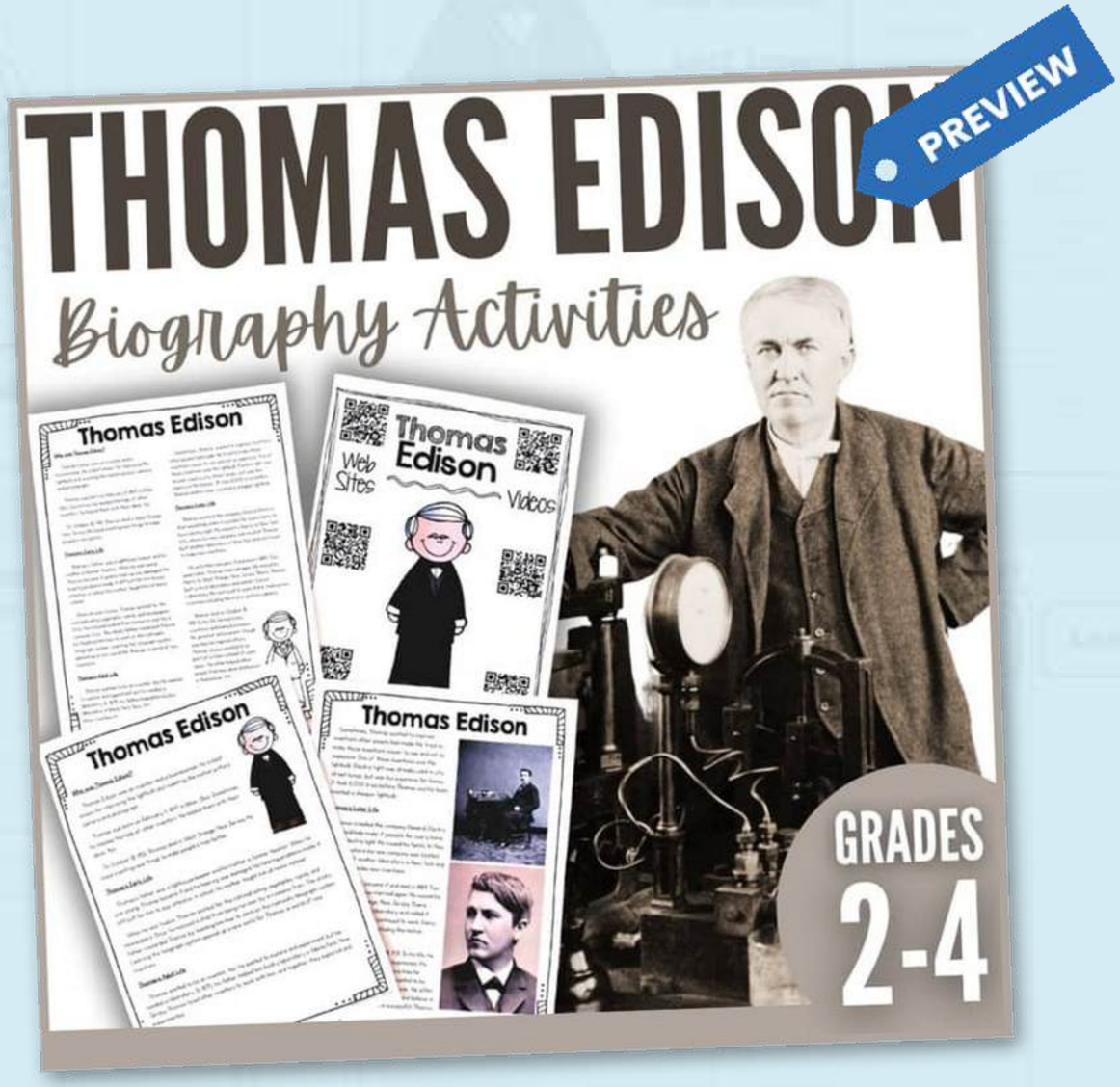


GRADES 2-5

READ, RESEARCH, AND WRITE

THOMAS EDISON

BIOGRAPHY

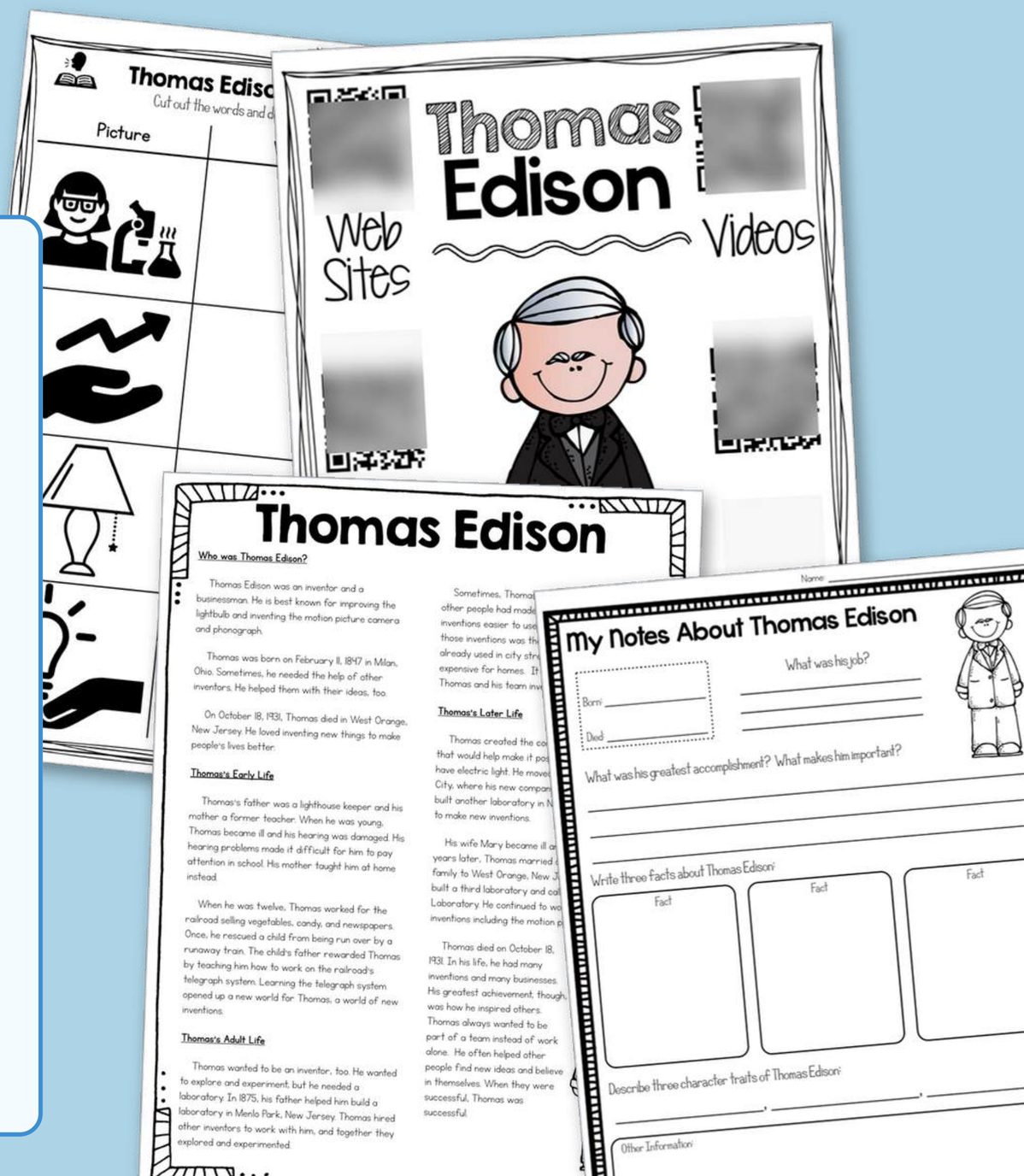
Reading, Research, and Biography Writing

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

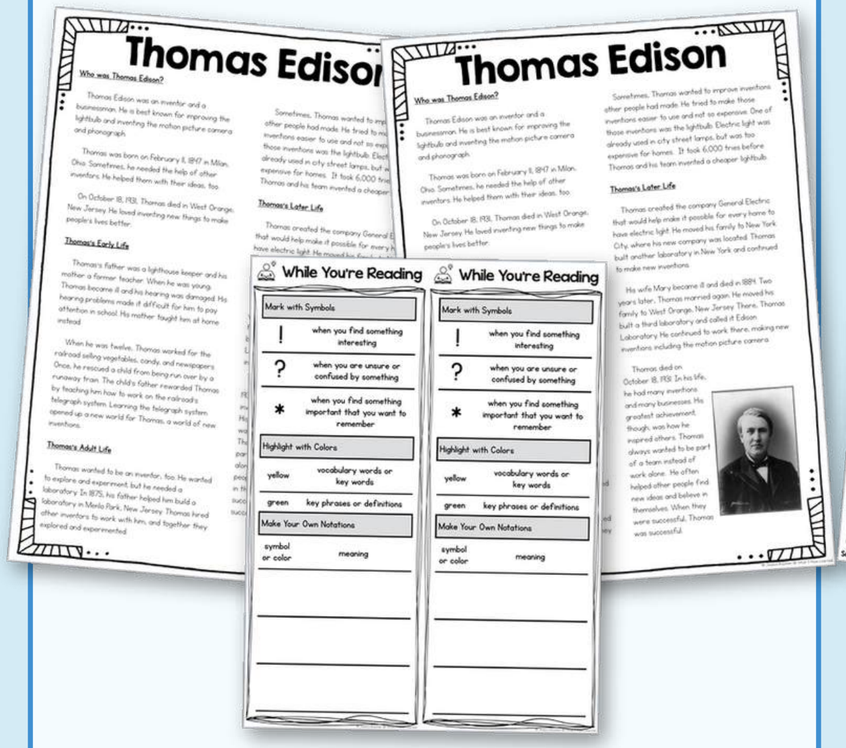
Read, research, and write

- 50+ Page Biography Resource
- Biography Text in Two Formats
- Vocabulary Cards, Posters, and Activities
- QR-Code Websites and Videos
- Comprehension Questions and Cloze Read
- Research Notes and Graphic Organizers
- Sequence Events and Fact Sorts
- Compare and Contrast Activities
- Summary and Biography Report Pages
- Older-Student Pages Without Cute Graphics
- Answer Keys Included



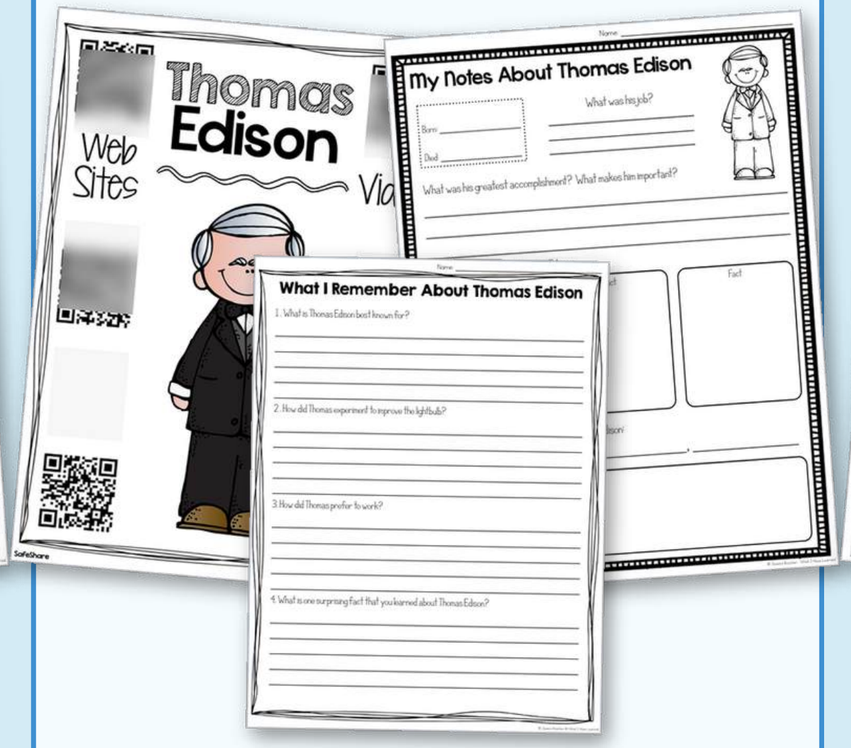
INSIDE THE BIOGRAPHY RESOURCE

TWO READING FORMATS



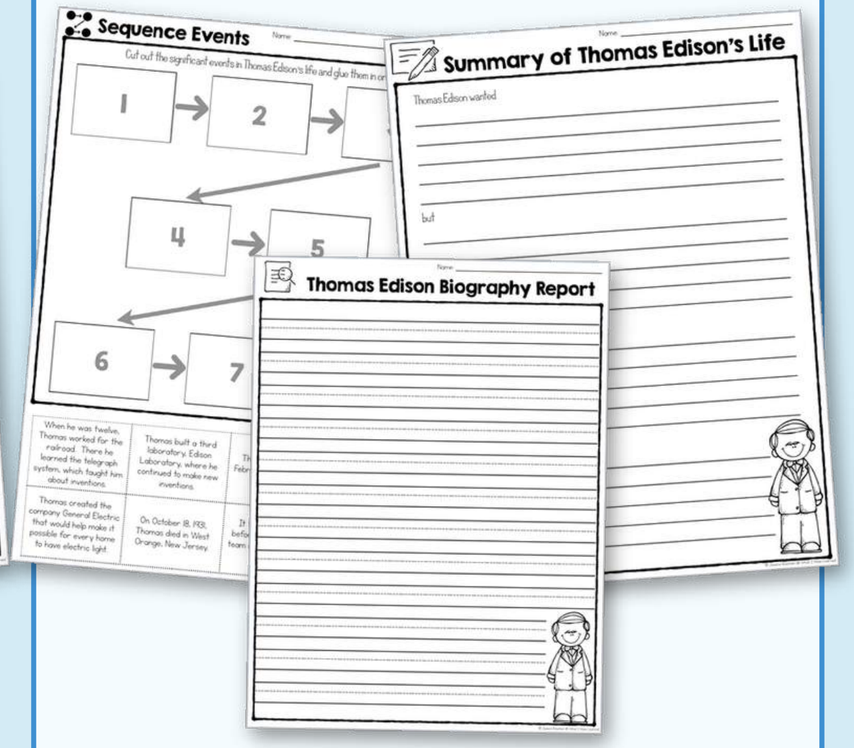
Use the illustrated or plain biography format to fit your students' reading needs.

RESEARCH SUPPORT



QR-code resources and note pages help students gather and record facts about Thomas Edison.

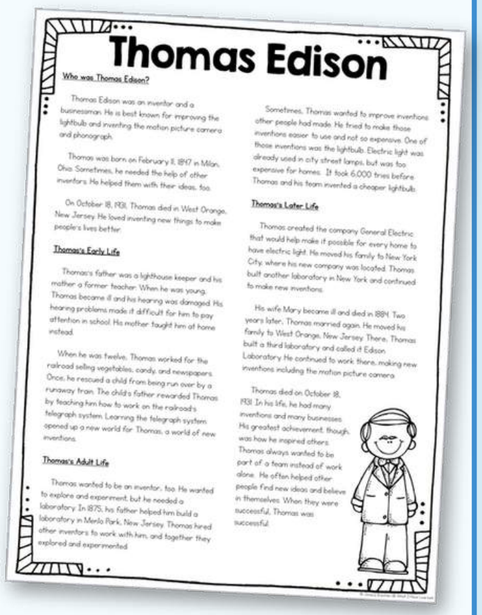
FROM NOTES TO REPORT



Students organize events, write a summary, and complete a biography report.

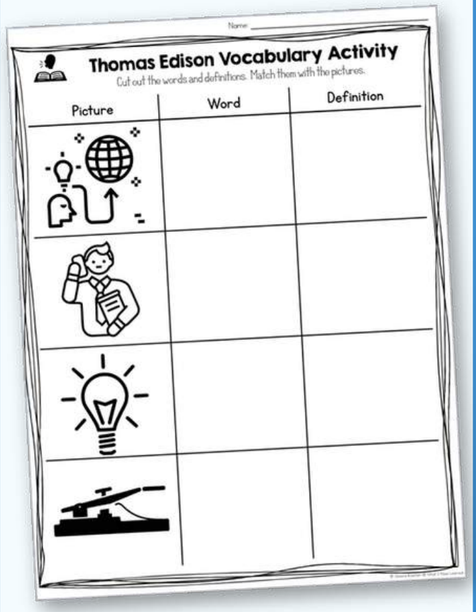
FROM READING TO BIOGRAPHY WRITING

READ



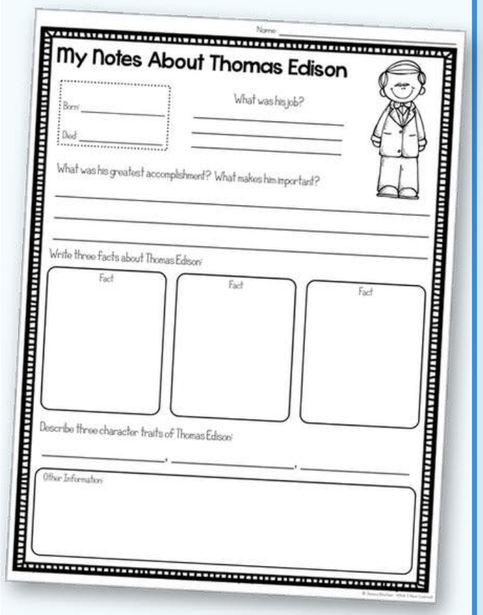
Read a clear nonfiction biography about Thomas Edison.

LEARN



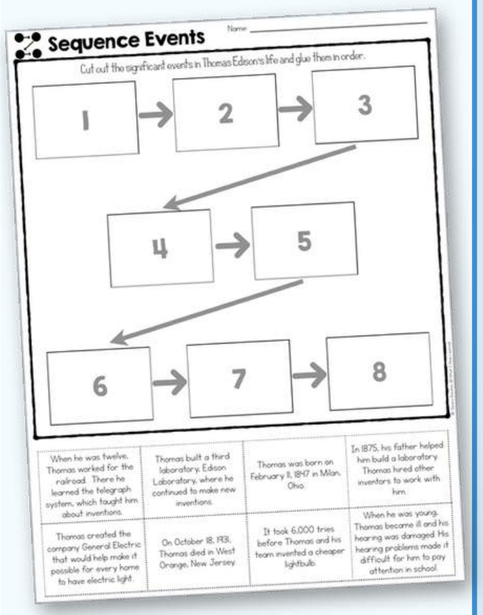
Build vocabulary with picture cards, posters, and word work.

RESEARCH



Gather facts about Thomas Edison's life, work, and leadership.

ORGANIZE



Sequence events and sort facts into useful categories.

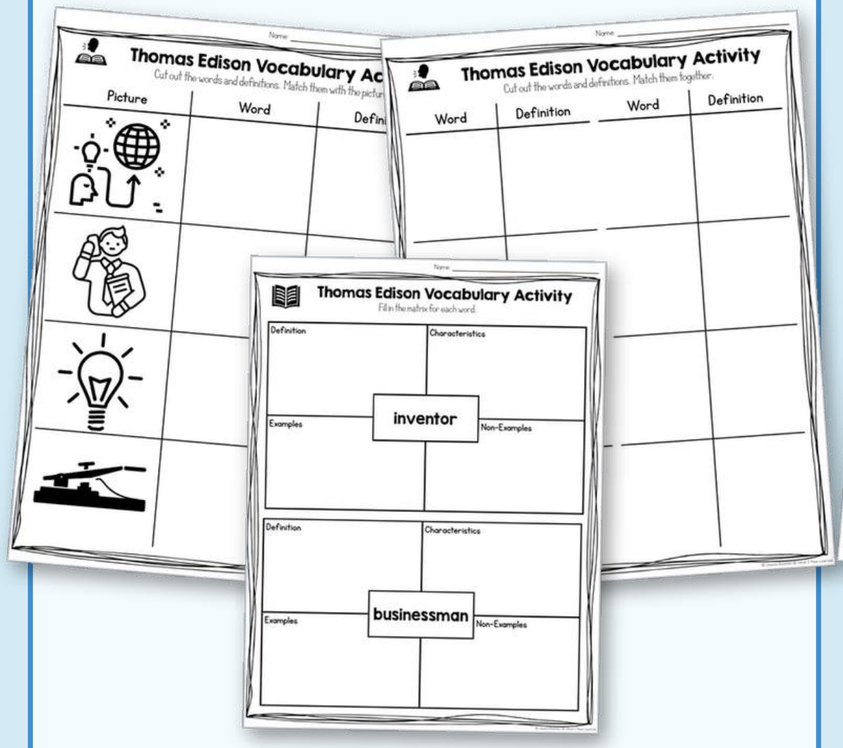
WRITE



Use report pages to turn notes into an informational biography.

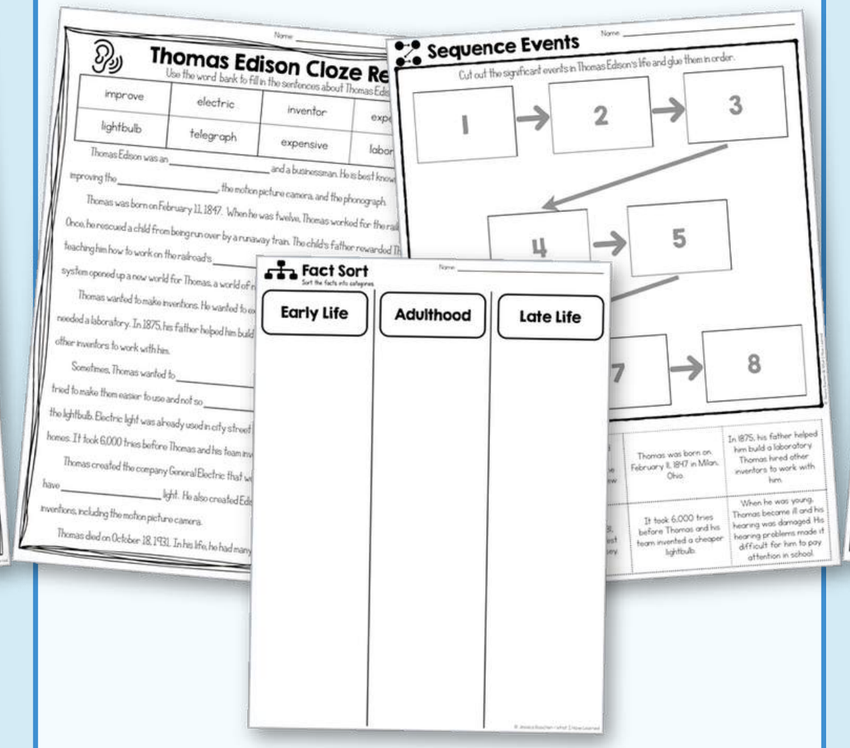
STUDENT PAGES THAT BUILD UNDERSTANDING

VOCABULARY



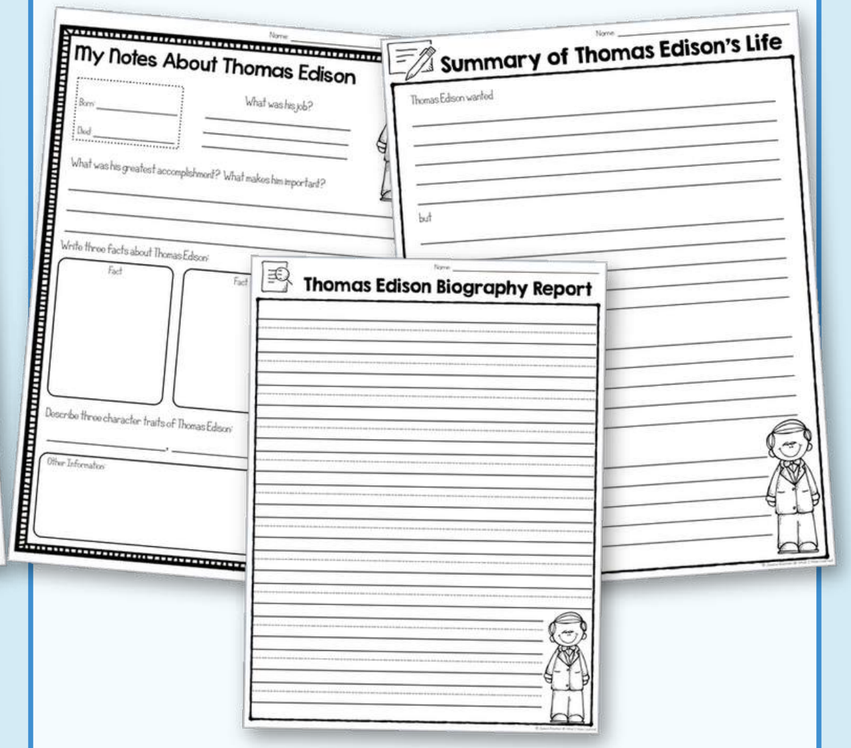
Picture cards, matching activities, and vocabulary matrices.

COMPREHENSION



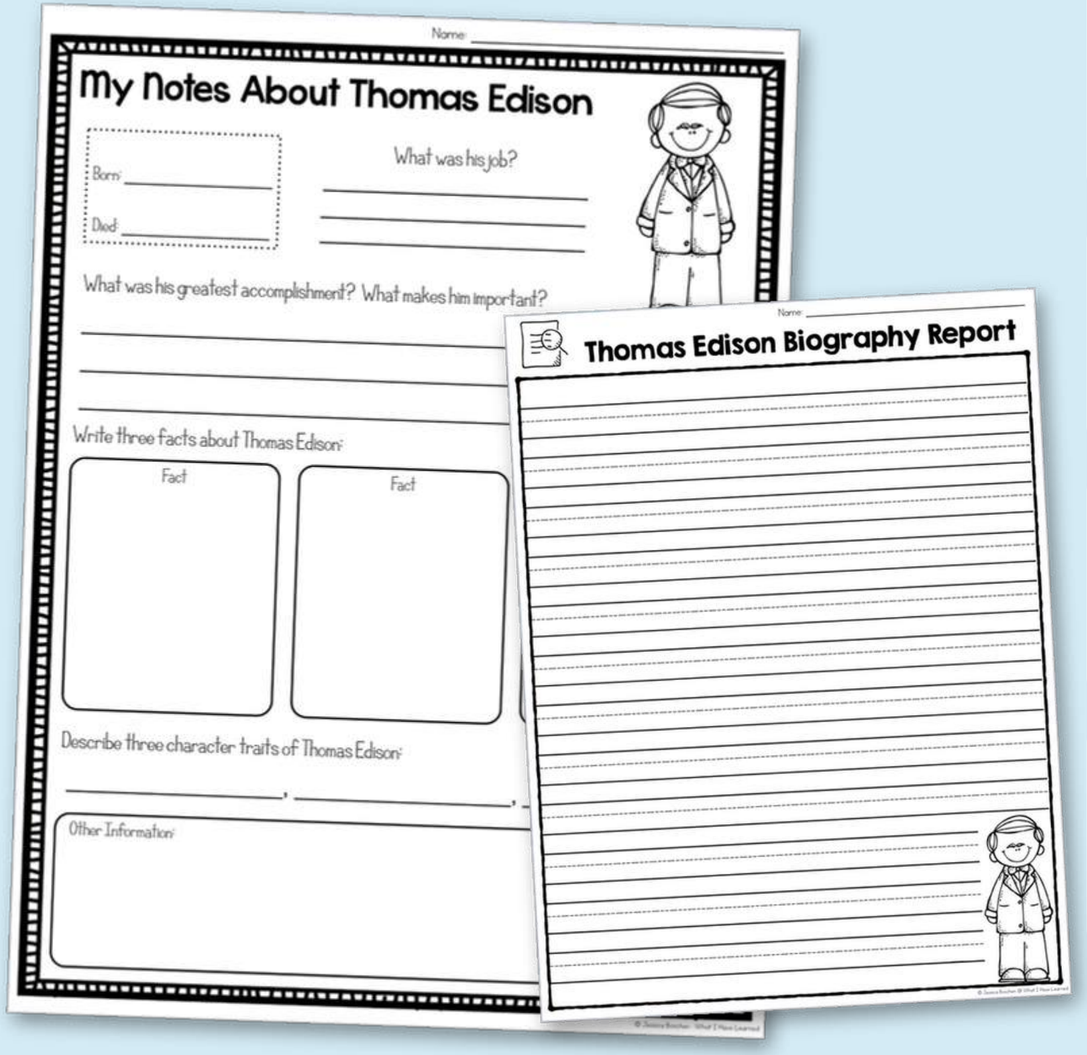
Cloze reading, sequencing, and fact sorting for understanding.

REPORT WRITING



Research notes, summary pages, and biography report templates.

WAYS TO USE THIS RESOURCE



1

WHOLE-CLASS BIOGRAPHY STUDY

Read the biography together, then model how to pull important facts from the text.

2

INDEPENDENT RESEARCH

Let students use the reading pages, QR-code resources, and notes pages to guide research.

3

SMALL-GROUP READING SUPPORT

Use the two reading formats to meet students where they are as readers.

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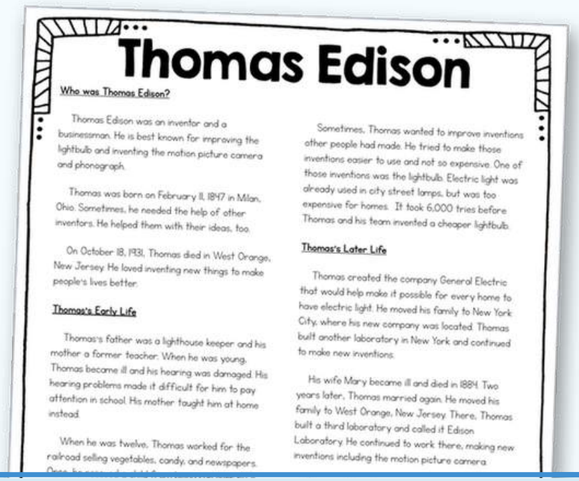
INFORMATIONAL WRITING PROJECT

Move from notes to a summary and finished biography report.

YOU WILL LOVE THIS BECAUSE

READY TO READ

Students learn about Thomas Edison through clear nonfiction text and an illustrated format.


Thomas Edison

Who was Thomas Edison?

Thomas Edison was an inventor and a businessman. He is best known for improving the lightbulb and inventing the motion picture camera and phonograph.

Thomas was born on February 11, 1847 in Milan, Ohio. Sometimes, he needed the help of other inventors. He helped them with their ideas, too.

On October 18, 1931, Thomas died in West Orange, New Jersey. He loved inventing new things to make people's lives better.

Thomas's Early Life

Thomas's father was a lighthouse keeper and his mother a former teacher. When he was young, Thomas became ill and his hearing was damaged. His hearing problems made it difficult for him to pay attention in school. His mother taught him at home instead.

When he was twelve, Thomas worked for the railroad selling vegetables, candy, and newspapers.

Sometimes, Thomas wanted to improve inventions other people had made. He tried to make those inventions easier to use and not so expensive. One of those inventions was the lightbulb. Electric light was already used in city street lamps, but was too expensive for homes. It took 6,000 tries before Thomas and his team invented a cheaper lightbulb.

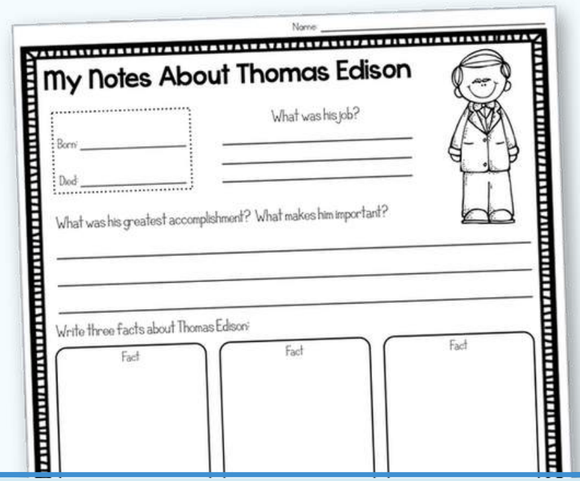
Thomas's Later Life

Thomas created the company General Electric that would help make it possible for every home to have electric light. He moved his family to New York City, where his new company was located. Thomas built another laboratory in New York and continued to make new inventions.

His wife Mary became ill and died in 1884. Two years later, Thomas married again. He moved his family to West Orange, New Jersey. There, Thomas built a third laboratory and called it Edison Laboratory. He continued to work there, making new inventions including the motion picture camera.

EASY TO ORGANIZE

Vocabulary, notes, comprehension, and sequencing pages guide the research process.


Name: _____

My Notes About Thomas Edison

Born: _____

Died: _____

What was his job?

What was his greatest accomplishment? What makes him important?

Write three facts about Thomas Edison:

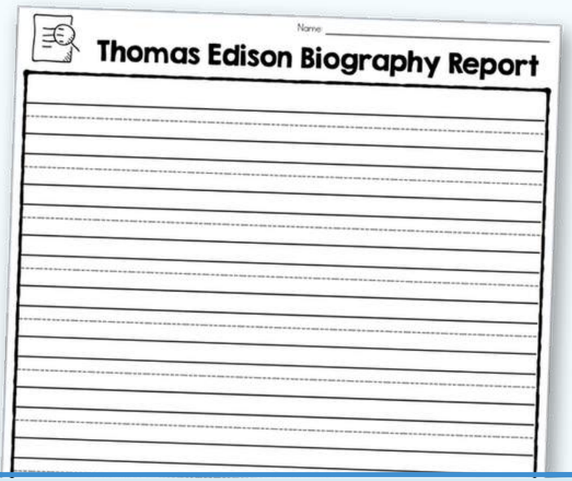
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REPORT WRITING INCLUDED

Students use summaries and report pages to write about Thomas Edison's life and legacy.


Name: _____

Thomas Edison Biography Report

TEACHERS LOVE IT!

★★★★★

Love this!! Students enjoyed it and they learned so much. We had some meaningful conversations about this topic.

Linda S.

★★★★★

This resource was perfect in helping my students understand this concept!

Anne A.

★★★★★

My students really enjoyed this! It was a great resource for introducing biographies.

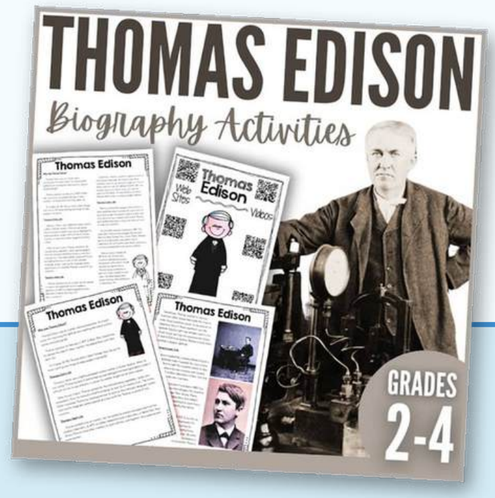
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READY FOR YOUR CLASSROOM

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- **Print and use in class**
- **Flexible reading and research support**
- **Ready for biography writing**



My passion is making learning accessible to all students.
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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