

GRADE
LEVELS
2ND – 4TH

Explore the World
of Owls!

OWLS

PASSAGES AND ACTIVITIES

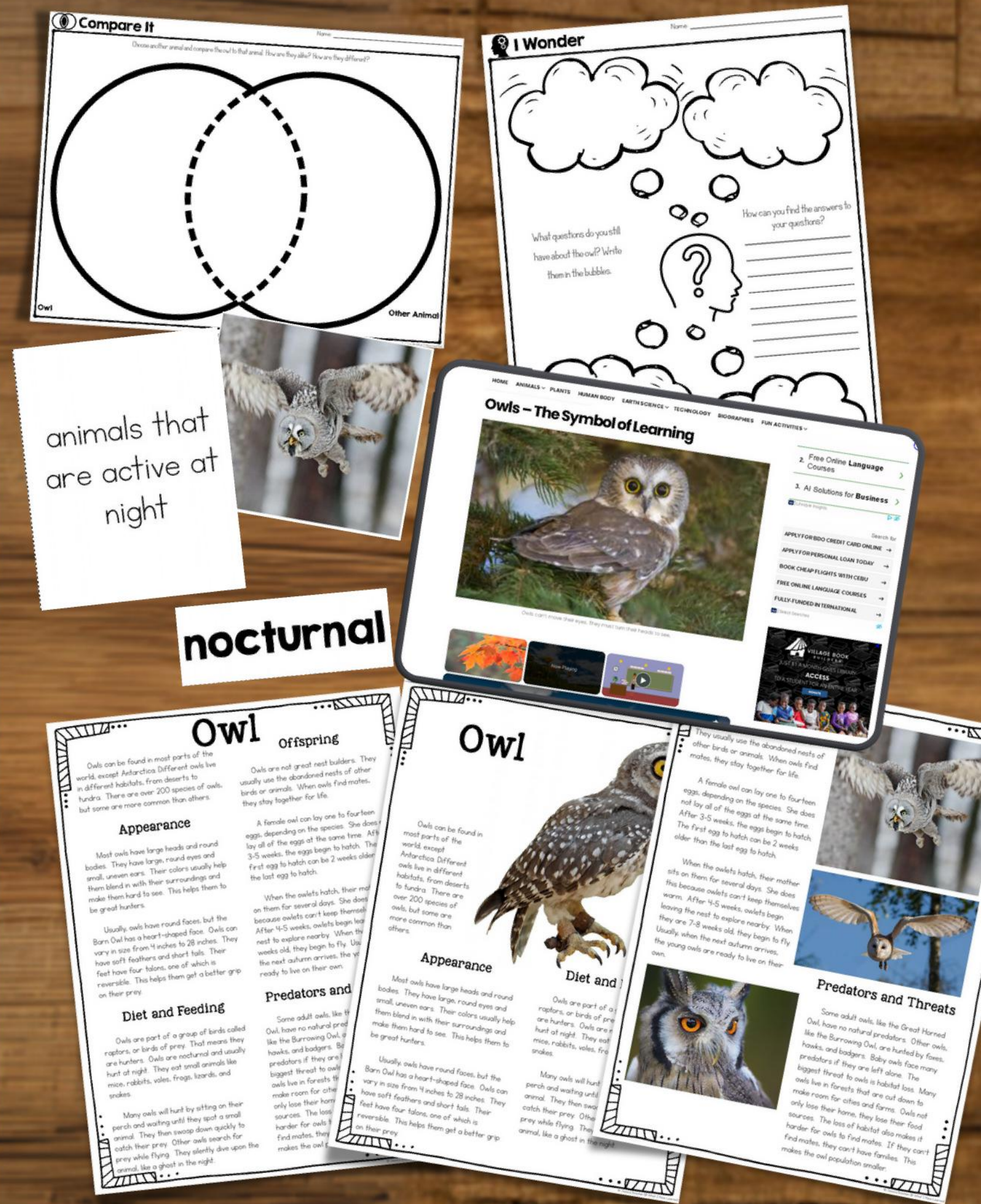
PREVIEW

KEEP SCROLLING TO SEE
WHAT'S INSIDE!



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Two versions of a nonfiction bat article (color + B&W)
- Vocabulary word list and cut-and-paste activity
- Note-taking sheets and graphic organizers
- Comprehension questions and cloze reading activity
- Fact sort activity and writing pages
- Answer key
- QR codes and safe research links
- Google Slides version available



a bird of prey



animals that
are active at
night

raptor

nocturnal

VOCABULARY CARDS

Name: _____

Owl Vocabulary Activity

Cut out the words and definitions. Match them with the pictures.

Picture	Word	Definition
		
		
		
		

Name: _____

Bat Vocabulary Activity

Cut out the words and definitions. Match them together and glue to the page.

ecosystem	echolocation	animals that are active at night	at risk of extinction
prey	nocturnal	when pollen is spread between flowers to make new plants	an animal that is hunted by a predator
hibernate	endangered	locating objects by reflecting sound	an animal that hunts and kills other animals for food
pollinate	predator	spending the winter asleep	all the living and nonliving things in an environment

Name: _____

Owl Vocabulary Activity

Fill in the matrix for each word.

Definition	talon		Characteristics
Examples			Non-Examples
Definition	raptor		Characteristics
Examples			Non-Examples

**VOCABULARY
ACTIVITIES**

WITHOUT PHOTOS

While You're Reading

Mark with Symbols

! when you find something interesting

? when you are unsure or confused by something

* when you find something important that you want to remember

Highlight with Colors

yellow vocabulary words or key words

green key phrases or definitions

Make Your Own Notations

symbol or color	meaning

Owl

Offspring

Owls can be found in most parts of the world, except Antarctica. Different owls live in different habitats, from deserts to tundra. There are over 200 species of owls, but some are more common than others.

Appearance

Most owls have large heads and round bodies. They have large, round eyes and small, uneven ears. Their colors usually help them blend in with their surroundings and make them hard to see. This helps them to be great hunters.

Usually, owls have round faces, but the Barn Owl has a heart-shaped face. Owls can vary in size from 4 inches to 28 inches. They have soft feathers and short tails. Their feet have four talons, one of which is reversible. This helps them get a better grip on their prey.

Diet and Feeding

Owls are part of a group of birds called raptors, or birds of prey. That means they are hunters. Owls are nocturnal and usually hunt at night. They eat small animals like mice, rabbits, voles, frogs, lizards, and snakes.

Many owls will hunt by sitting on their perch and waiting until they spot a small animal. They then swoop down quickly to catch their prey. Other owls search for prey while flying. They silently dive upon the animal, like a ghost in the night.

Owls are not great nest builders. They usually use the abandoned nests of other birds or animals. When owls find mates, they stay together for life.

A female owl can lay one to fourteen eggs, depending on the species. She does lay all of the eggs at the same time. After 3-5 weeks, the eggs begin to hatch. The first egg to hatch can be 2 weeks older than the last egg to hatch.

When the owlets hatch, their mother sits on them for several days. She does this because owlets can't keep themselves warm. After 4-5 weeks, owlets begin leaving the nest to explore nearby. When they are 7-8 weeks old, they begin to fly. Usually, the next autumn arrives, the young owls are ready to live on their own.

Predators and Threats

Some adult owls, like the Great Horned Owl, have no natural predators. Other owls, like the Burrowing Owl, are hunted by foxes, hawks, and badgers. Baby owls face many predators if they are left alone. The biggest threat to owls is habitat loss. Many owls live in forests that are cut down to make room for cities and farms. Owls not only lose their home, they lose their food sources. The loss of habitat also makes it harder for owls to find mates. If they can't find mates, they can't have families. This makes the owl population smaller.

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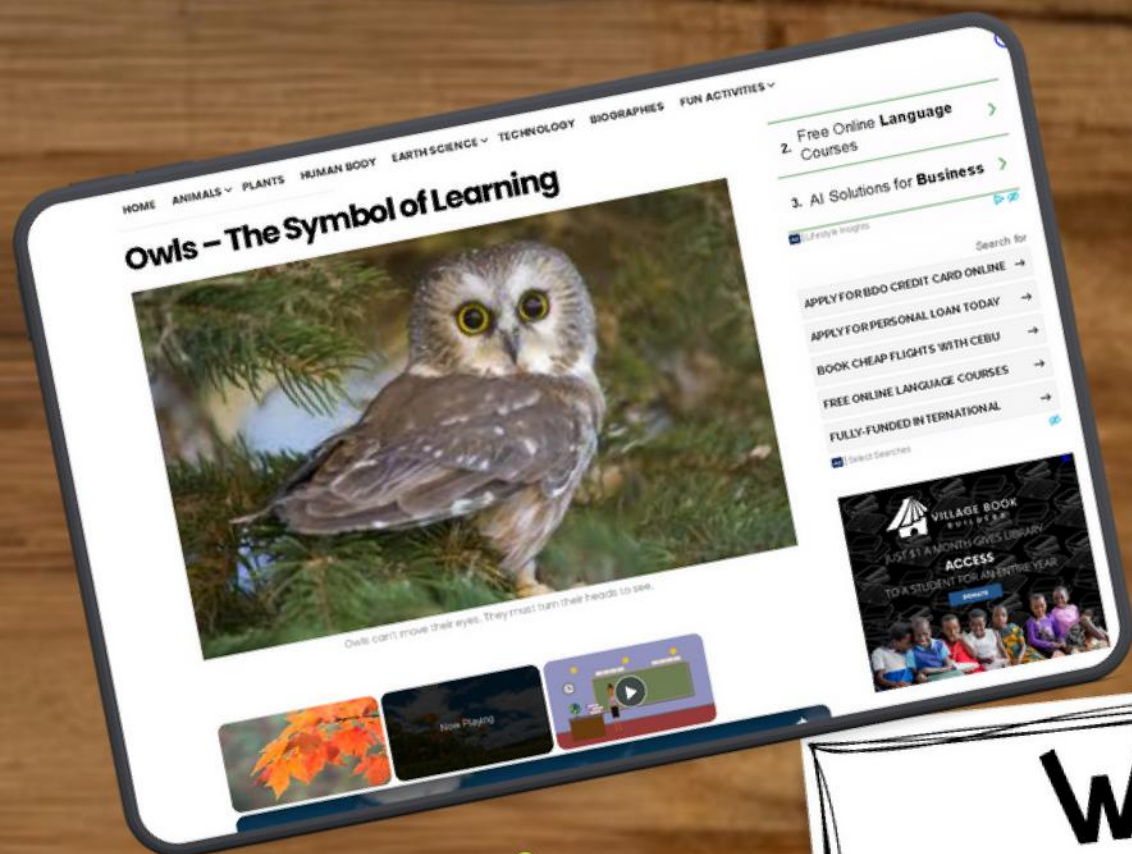
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INFORMATIONAL
ARTICLE

CLOSE READING
BOOKMARK PAGE

WEBSITES

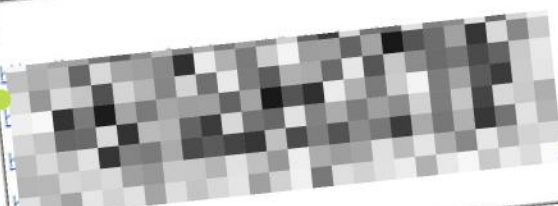


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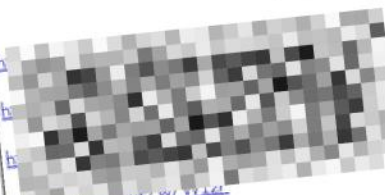
This animal article comes with a Google Site that students can use for further research. The Google Site contains the same URLs as the QR Codes.

Google Site: <https://sites.google.com/whatihavelearnedteaching.com/owls-links/home> or: <http://bit.ly/owls9>

If you find any links that do not work, please email me and I will fix it promptly. Videos are from a variety of websites, including YouTube (via SafeShare or SafeYouTube). There are two pages of QR Codes. One page has the YouTube link and the other page has the SafeTube link. Make sure you can access YouTube, SafeShare or SafeYouTube at your school.

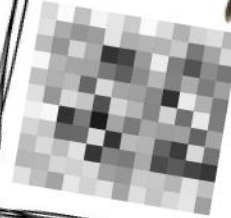
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Websites

Owl

Videos




Owl Note Taking Sheet Name: _____

Appearance

Diet & Feeding

Offspring

Predators & Threats

Three Other Facts

Note Taking Sheet Name: _____

What makes the owl unique?

Describe the owl's diet and feeding:

Write three facts about the owl:

Fact	Fact	Fact
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Describe how the owl produces offspring:

Other Information:



What I Remember About the Owl Name: _____

1. What does an owl look like?

2. Describe an owl's diet and how it gets food:

3. How does an owl produce offspring?

4. What are the predators of owls?

Owl Cloze Read Name: _____

Use the word bank to fill in the sentences.

owlets	talons	blend	prey
raptors	habitat	nocturnal	abandoned

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Owls are part of a group of birds called _____.

_____ like mice, rabbits, voles, frogs, lizards, and snakes.

Owls are not great nest builders. They usually _____.

_____ birds _____ find mates, they stay together for life. When _____ hatch, their mother sits on _____.

_____ warm. Baby owls face many predators if they are left alone.

The biggest threat to owls is _____ loss. Many owls live in _____ cut down to make room for cities and farms. Owls not only lose their home, they lose their food sources. The loss of habitat also makes it harder for owls to find mates. If they can't find mates, they can't have families.

GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS

COMPREHENSION ACTIVITIES

Directions: Cut apart the labels and each fact. Sort the fact into the best category or do an open sort and create your own categories.

Attributes looks, has, is	Actions does, can	Environment where it lives
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Many owls will hunt by sitting on their perch and waiting to spot a small animal.	Some owls are cut down to make arrows.	Colors usually help them blend into their surroundings to make them hard to see.
Other owls, like the great horned owl, are hunted by foxes, hawks, and badgers.		One owl egg to hatch can be as long as the last egg to hatch, but the mother lays them at different times.
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The loss of habitat also makes it harder for owls to find mates, so they can't find mates, they can't have families.	Owls can vary in size from 4 inches to 28 inches.	Other owls search for prey while flying. They silently dive upon the animal, like a ghost in the night.
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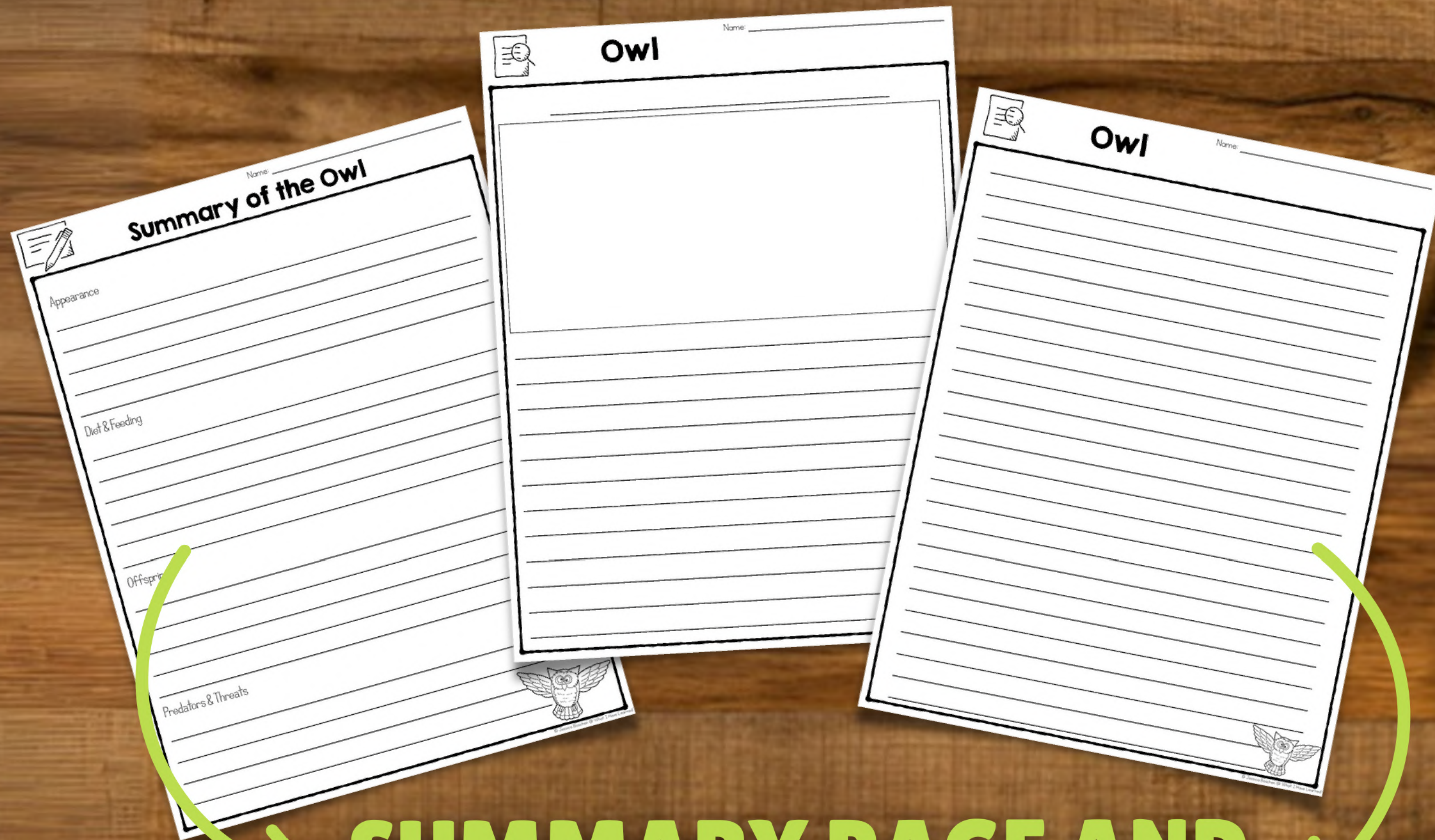


**FACT
SORT**

SAMPLE PROJECT FOR FACT SORT

While this is for a different animal, it gives you an idea of how students can do the fact sort.

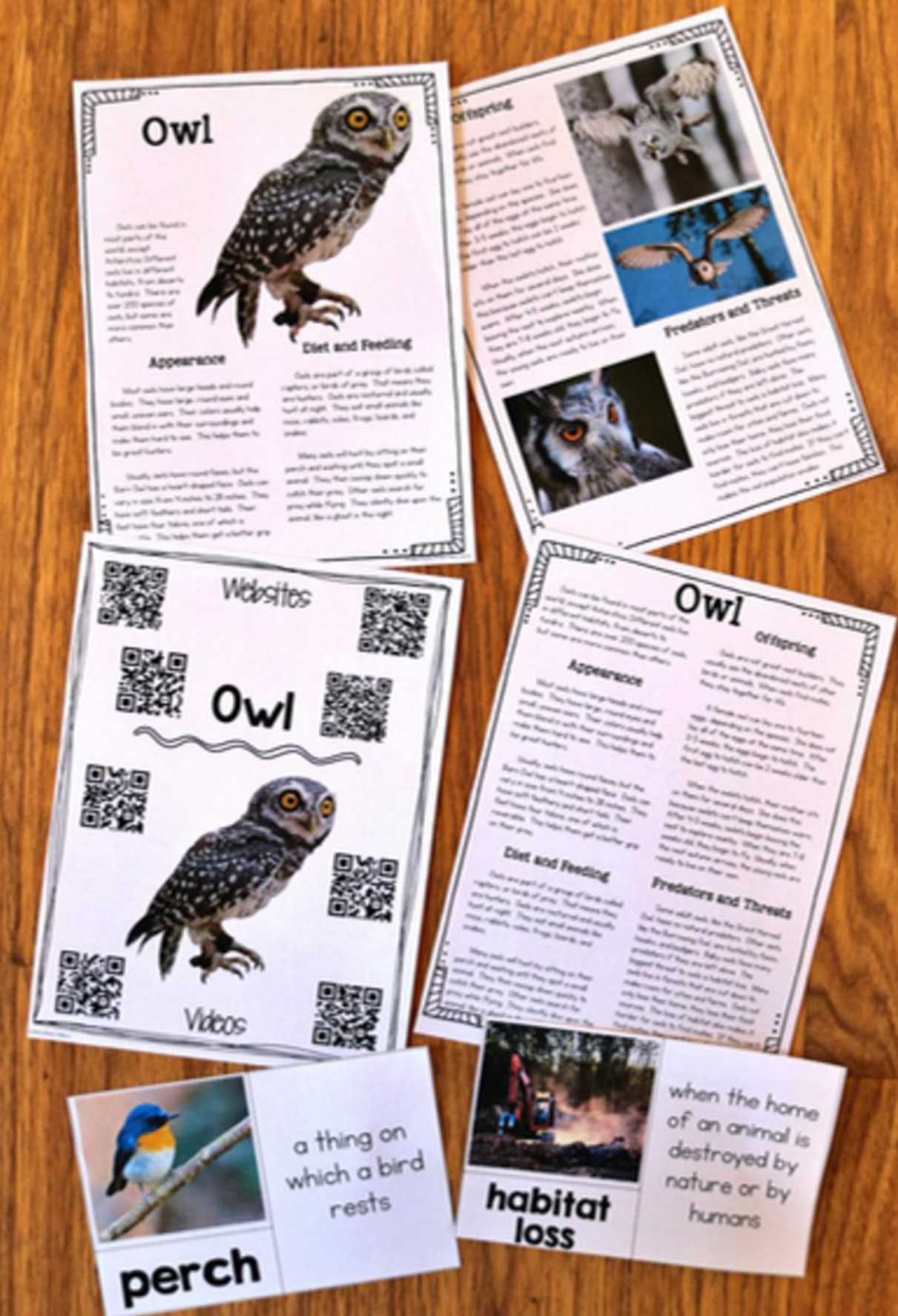




**SUMMARY PAGE AND
WRITING PAGES**

HOW TO USE IT IN THE CLASSROOM

- ✓ **Read & Explore** – Read the article, watch videos, scan QR codes
- ✓ **Build Vocabulary** – Use word cards, match-ups, and Frayer models
- ✓ **Comprehend & Sort** – Answer questions, do cloze reading, sort facts
- ✓ **Take Notes** – Fill graphic organizers with gathered research
- ✓ **Write a Report** – Draft reports using printables or digital slides

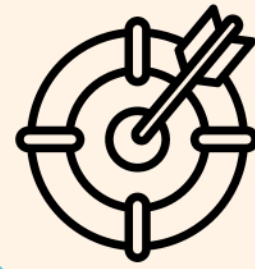


YOU WILL LOVE THIS BECAUSE



Engages Students With High-Interest Topic

Owls fascinate kids! The mix of text, visuals, and activities keeps learners motivated while practicing key literacy and science skills.



Integrates Reading and Science

Students explore nonfiction structure, vocabulary, and comprehension while deepening content knowledge about animal traits, life cycles, and habitats.



Saves Teacher Prep Time

Print-and-go articles, ready-to-use comprehension activities, and included answer keys make planning effortless and grading simple.

TEACHERS LOVE IT!



...Organized, easy enough to read (but not TOO easy). I love how in the future if I taught older grades I could utilize the graphic organizers as literacy centers. Really great product. Well worth my money.

Linda T.



These were perfect for my gifted 3rd graders during our owl study. Thank you!

Spivey Sparks



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.



What I have **LEARNED**