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mimic



an action displaying skill and daring

sleep in a

the area in which an animal lives and hunts

PREVIEW

Unlock the Mystery of Ravens

GRADE LEVELS
2ND - 4TH

RAVEN

Passage & Activities



Raven



Diet and Feeding



Predators and Threats

Note Taking Sheet

Raven Cloze Read

Informational Text • Science + ELA Integration

Appearance

Predators and Threats



Ravens are one of the most widespread species of birds. Sometimes, ravens are confused with crows. They look alike, but ravens are much larger. Also, while crows make "caw" calls, ravens are able to make many different sounds, including human speech.

Diet and Feeding

Ravens are omnivores, which means they eat plants and other animals. They like to eat in open areas and work together to catch their prey. Ravens have been known to work with other animals, such as wolves, to catch prey. Their preferred foods include



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Predators and Threats

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RAVEN

PASSAGES AND ACTIVITIES

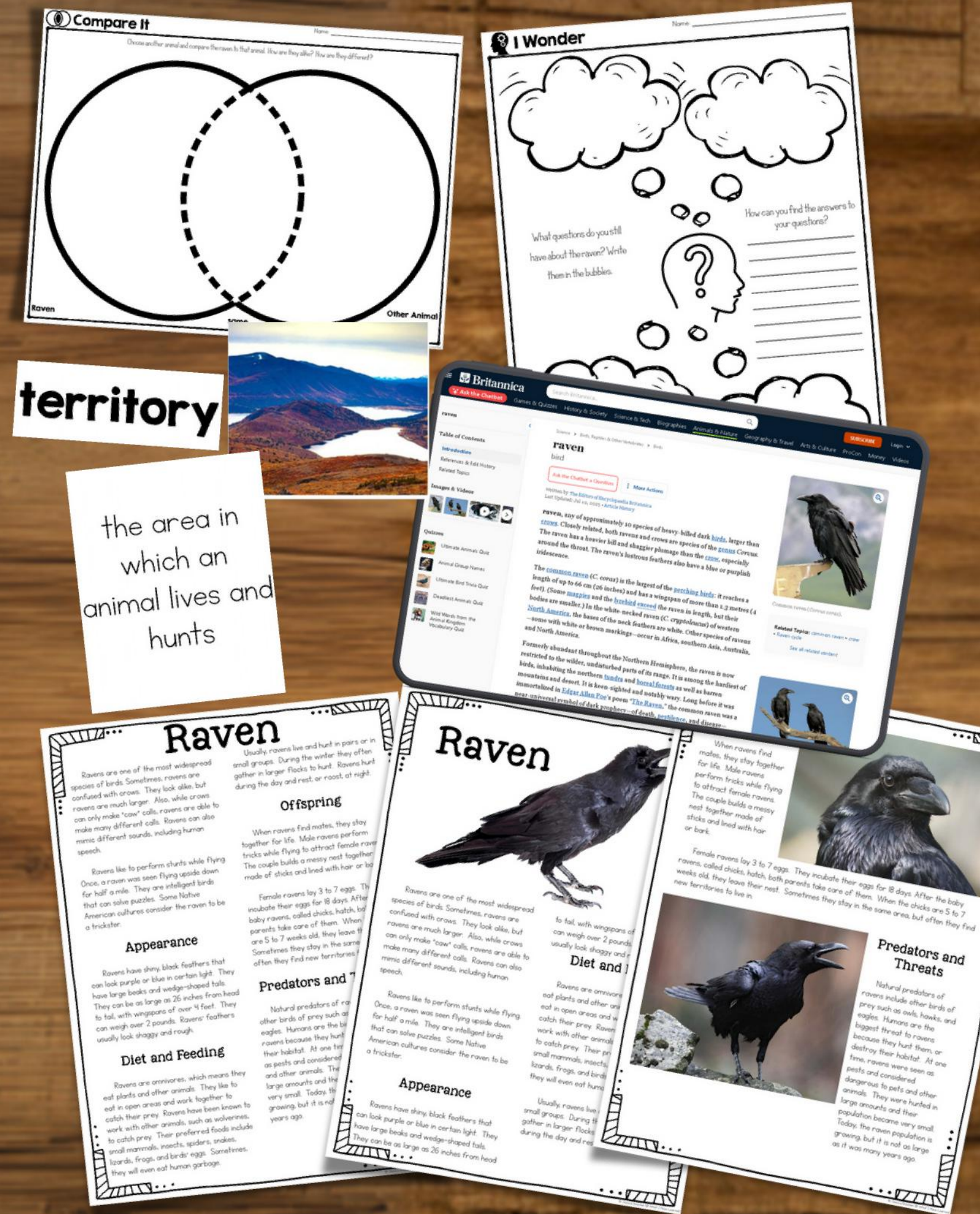


KEEP SCROLLING TO SEE WHAT'S INSIDE!



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



the area in
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territory



imitate
something else

mimic

VOCABULARY CARDS

Name: _____

Raven Vocabulary Activity

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

Picture	Word	Definition
		
		
		
		

Name: _____

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mimic	stunt	eat both plants and animals	the are an ani and
intelligent	omnivore	an animal that hunts and eats other animals	or displa
roost	territory	imitate something else	so bo
pest	predator	sleep in a nest	in

Name: _____

Raven Vocabulary Activity

Fill in the matrix for each word.

mimic

Definition: _____

Characteristics: _____

Examples: _____

Non-Examples: _____

stunt

Definition: _____

Characteristics: _____

Examples: _____

Non-Examples: _____

**VOCABULARY
ACTIVITIES**

WITHOUT PHOTOS

WITH 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

Raven

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Appearance

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Offspring

When ravens find mates, they stay together for life. Male ravens perform tricks while flying to attract female ravens. The couple builds a messy nest together made of sticks and lined with hair or bark.

Female ravens lay 3 to 7 eggs. They incubate their eggs for 18 days. After the baby ravens, called chicks, hatch, both parents take care of them. When the chicks are 5 to 7 weeks old, they leave their nest. Sometimes they stay in the same area, but often they find new territories to live in.

Predators and Threats

Natural predators of ravens include other birds of prey such as owls, hawks, and eagles. Humans are the biggest threat to ravens because they hunt them, or destroy their habitat. At one time, ravens were seen as pests and considered dangerous to pets and other animals. They were hunted in large amounts and their population became very small. Today, the raven population is growing, but it is not as large as it was many years ago.

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Ravens like to perform stunts while flying. Once, a raven was seen flying upside down for half a mile. They are intelligent birds that can solve puzzles. Some Native American cultures consider the raven to be a trickster.

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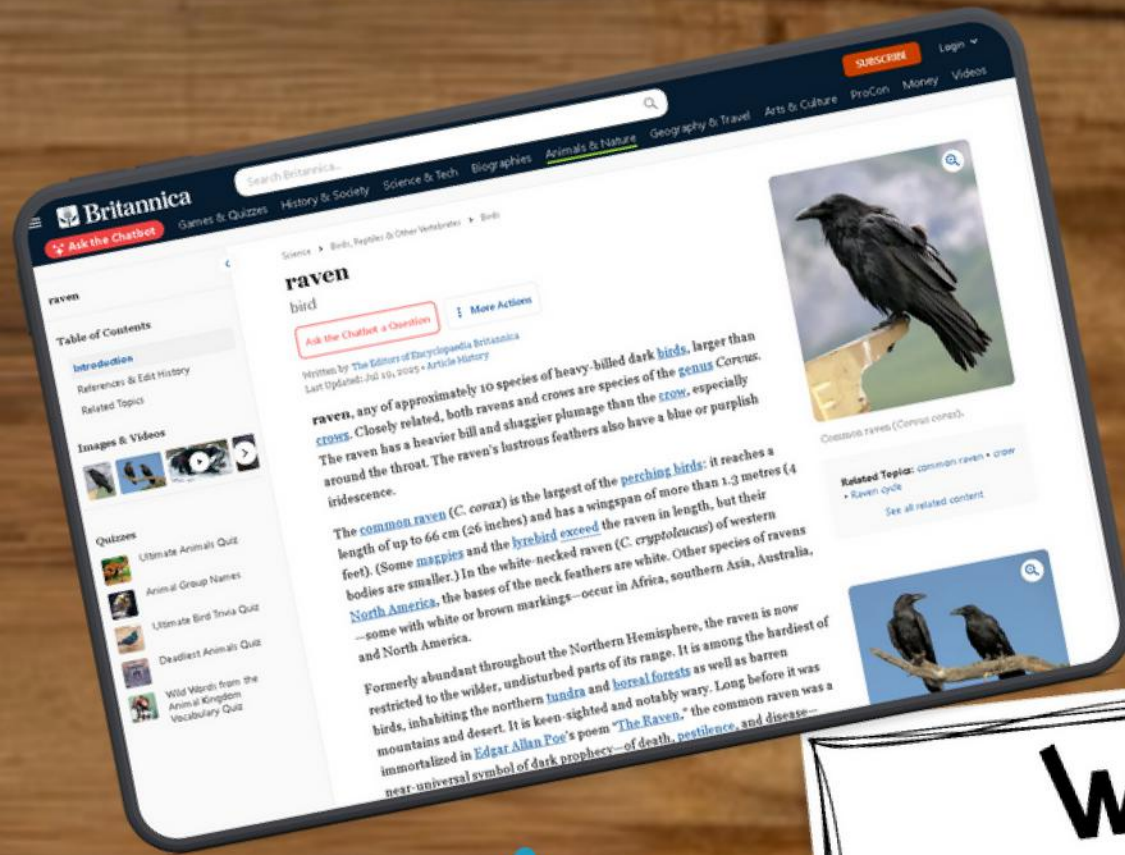
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INFORMATIONAL ARTICLE

CLOSE READING BOOKMARK PAGE

WEBSITES



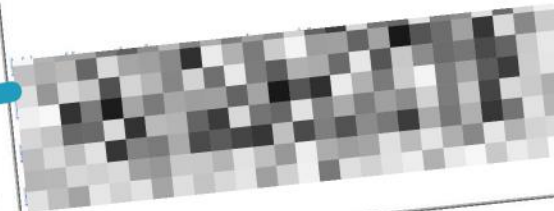
Websites

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.

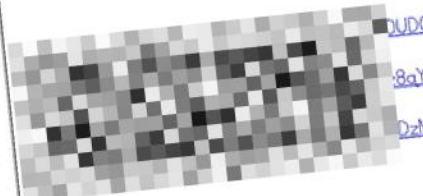
Google Site: <https://sites.google.com/whatihavelearnedteaching.com/ravens-links/home> or: <http://bit.ly/ravens6>

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.

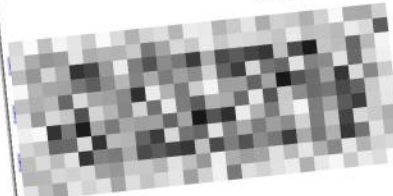
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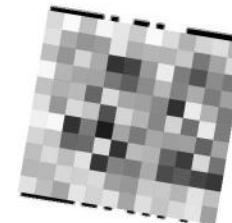
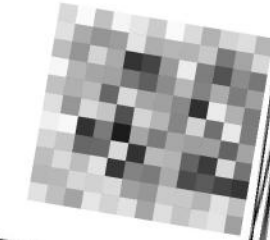


Websites

Raven



Videos



Raven Note Taking Sheet Name: _____

Appearance

Diet & Feeding

Offspring

Predators & Threats

Three Other Facts

Note Taking Sheet Name: _____

What makes the gray wolf unique?

Describe the gray wolf's habitat:

Write three facts about the gray wolf:

Fact	Fact	Fact
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What threatens the gray wolf?

Other Information:



NOTE TAKING SHEETS

What I Remember About the Raven Name: _____

1. What does a raven look like?

2. Describe a raven's diet and how it gets food:

3. How does a raven produce offspring?

4. What are the predators of a raven?

Raven Cloze Read Name: _____

Use the word bank to fill in the sentences.

habitat	intelligent	threat	omnivores
stunts	garbage	prey	tricks

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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
Ravens were hunted in large amounts and their population became very small.	Ravens are one of the most widespread species of birds.	They like to eat in open areas and work together to catch their prey.
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Sometimes, they will eat human garbage.	They can perform stunts while flying.	They can mimic different sounds including human speech.
They are intelligent and can solve puzzles.	They can perform stunts while flying.	In the winter they often fly in flocks to hunt.
Male ravens perform elaborate flying to attract female.	Female ravens lay 3 to 7 eggs.	Natural predators of ravens include other birds of prey such as owls, hawks, and eagles.
After the baby ravens hatch, both parents take care of them.		Ravens' feathers usually look shaggy and rough.
Ravens are omnivores, which means they eat plants and other animals.	When ravens find mates, they stay together for life.	Ravens hunt during the day and rest, or roost, at night.

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**FACT
SORT**

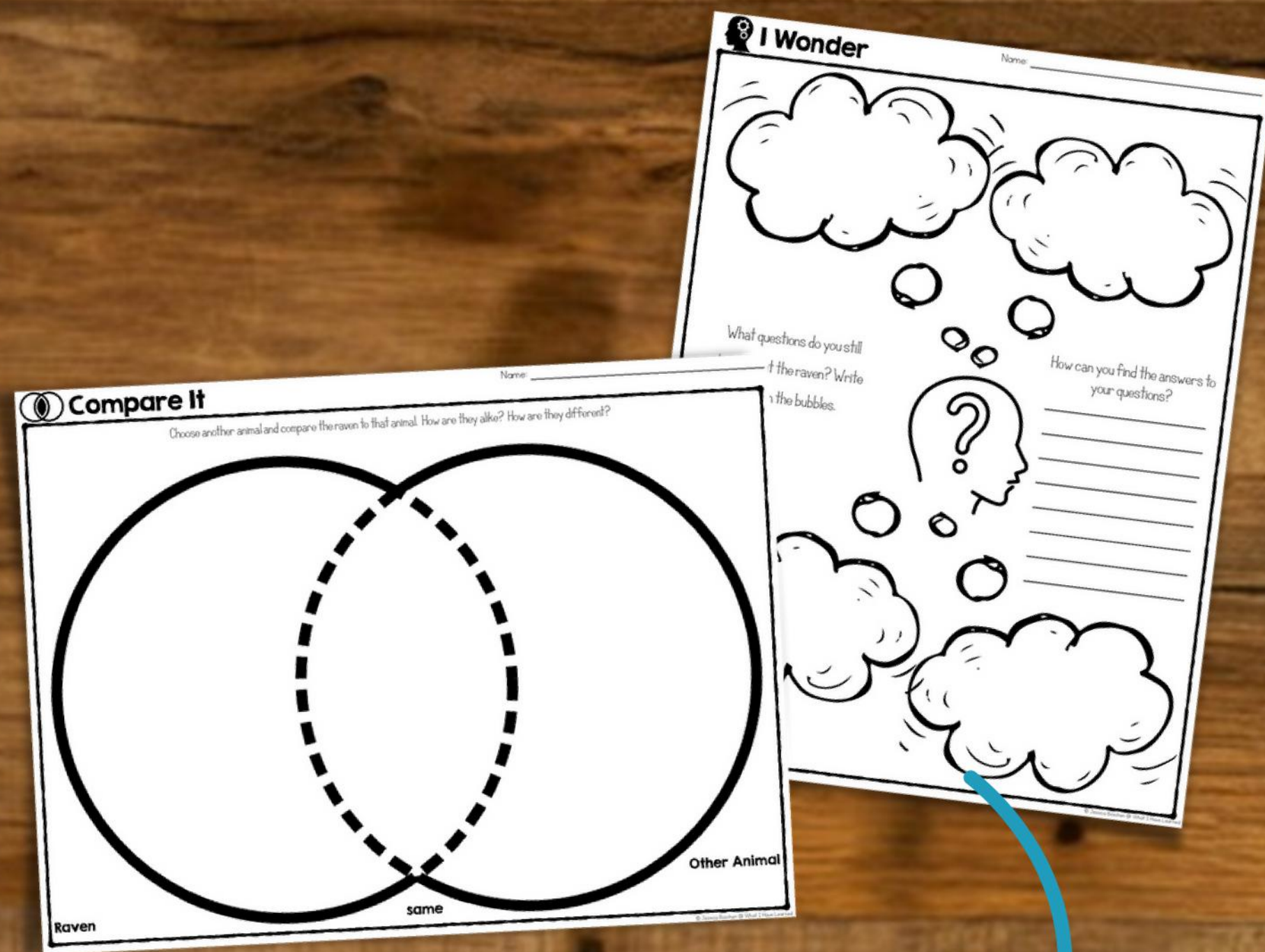
SAMPLE PROJECT FOR FACT SORT

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**



**GRAPHIC
ORGANIZER**

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

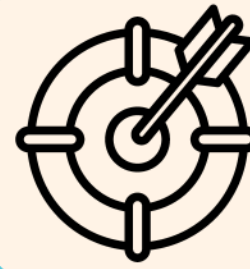


YOU WILL LOVE THIS BECAUSE



Scaffolded Research & Writing

Organizers, fact sorts, and report templates guide students step-by-step from reading to writing clear, structured informational reports.



Differentiated Reading Levels

Two versions of the raven article ensure accessibility for diverse readers while still supporting rigorous comprehension and vocabulary practice.



Time-Saving & Ready-to-Use

Pre-made passages, activities, and answer keys make lesson prep effortless—everything is organized and classroom-ready in minutes.

TEACHERS LOVE IT!



A great addition to our studies on habitats and animals. These are very informational and a “one-stop shop” for learning about various animals in various habitats. Thank you!

Heather B.



It is really hard to find a good specific animal pack that works well with second grade reading level. This pack did the job. I did a unit on Halloween animals and my kids really enjoyed learning about ravens.

Brittany H.



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**