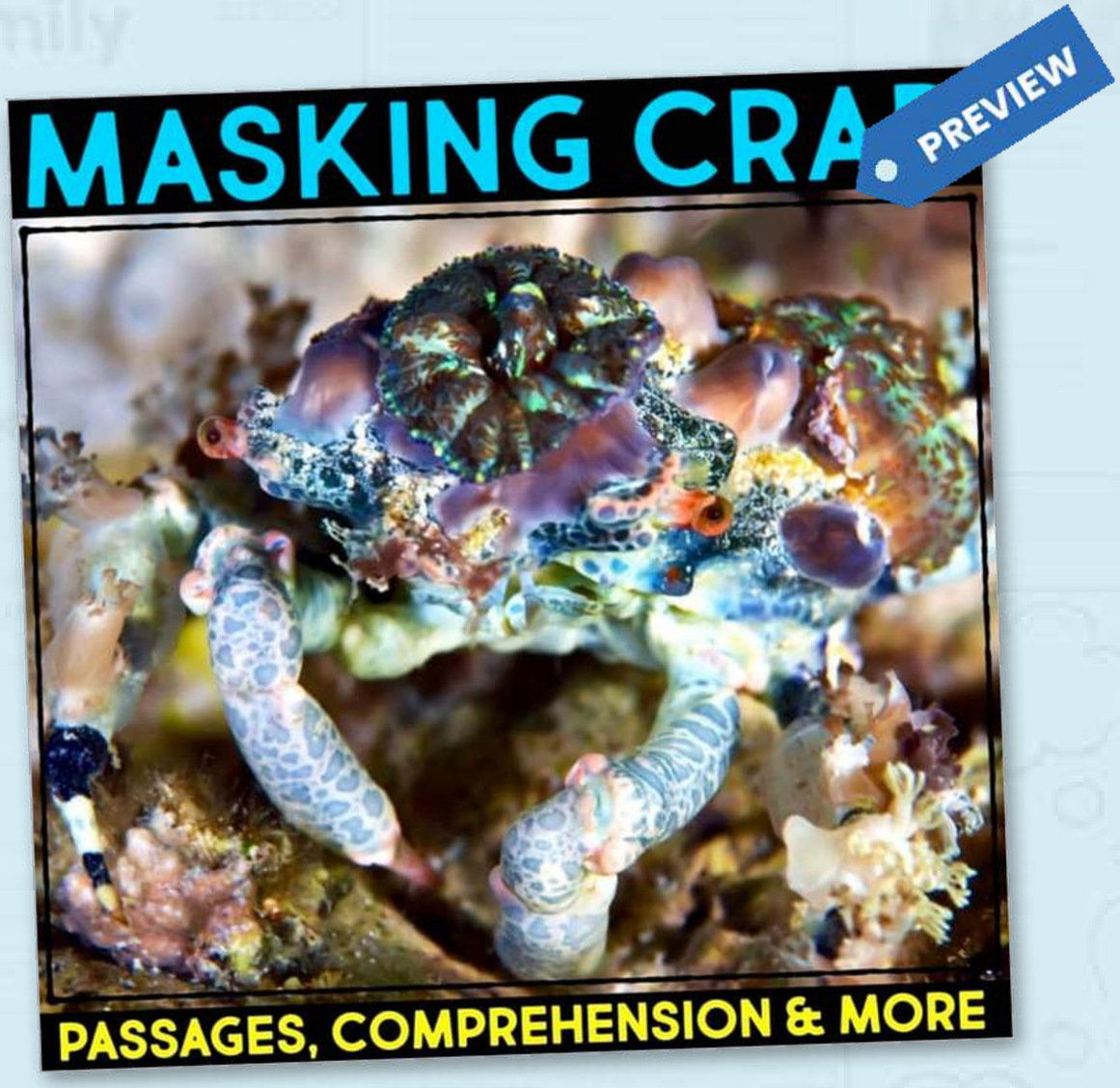
GRADES 2-3



READ, RESEARCH, AND WRITE

MASKING CRAB

ANIMAL RESEARCH

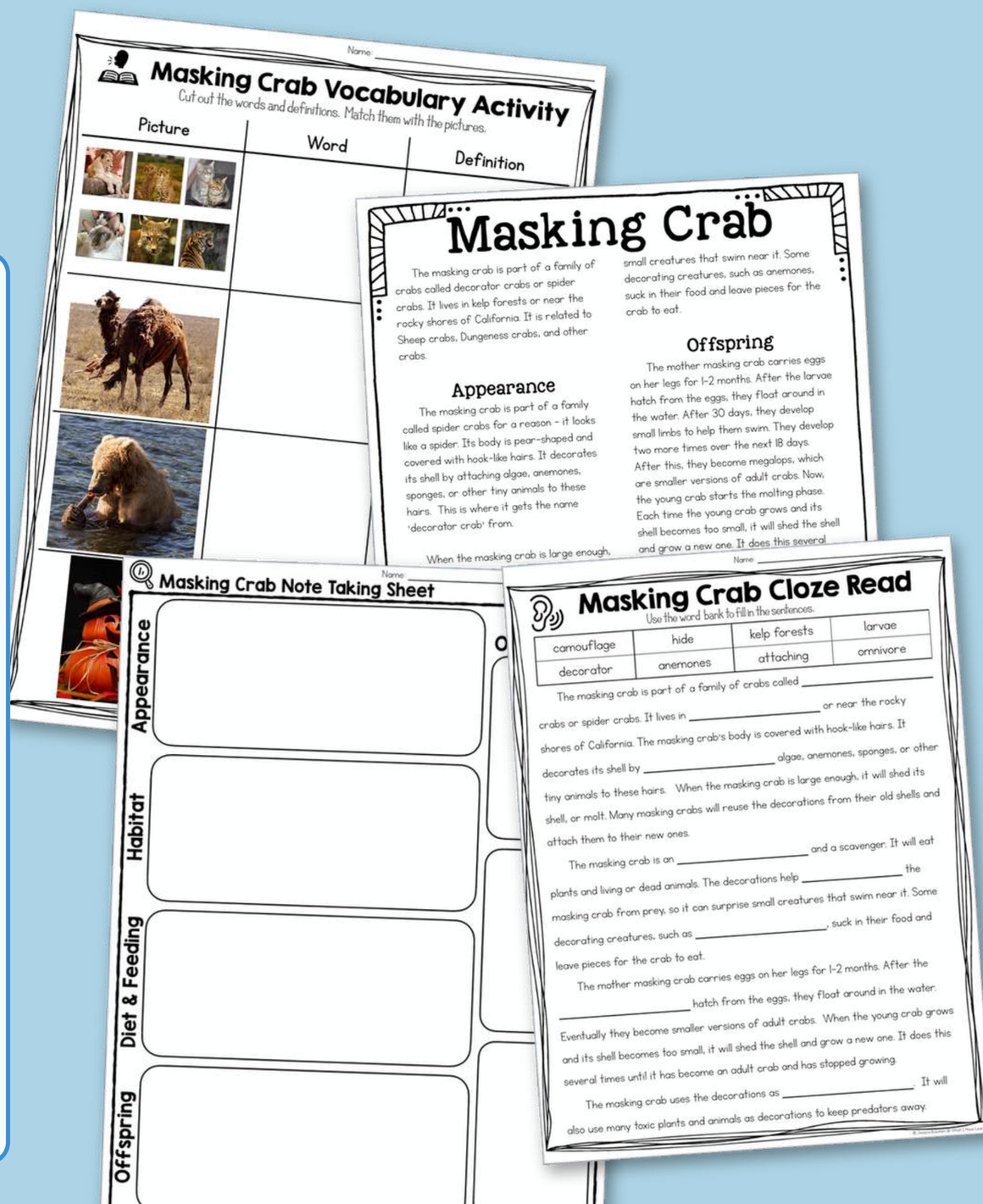
Informational Articles, Activities, and Writing

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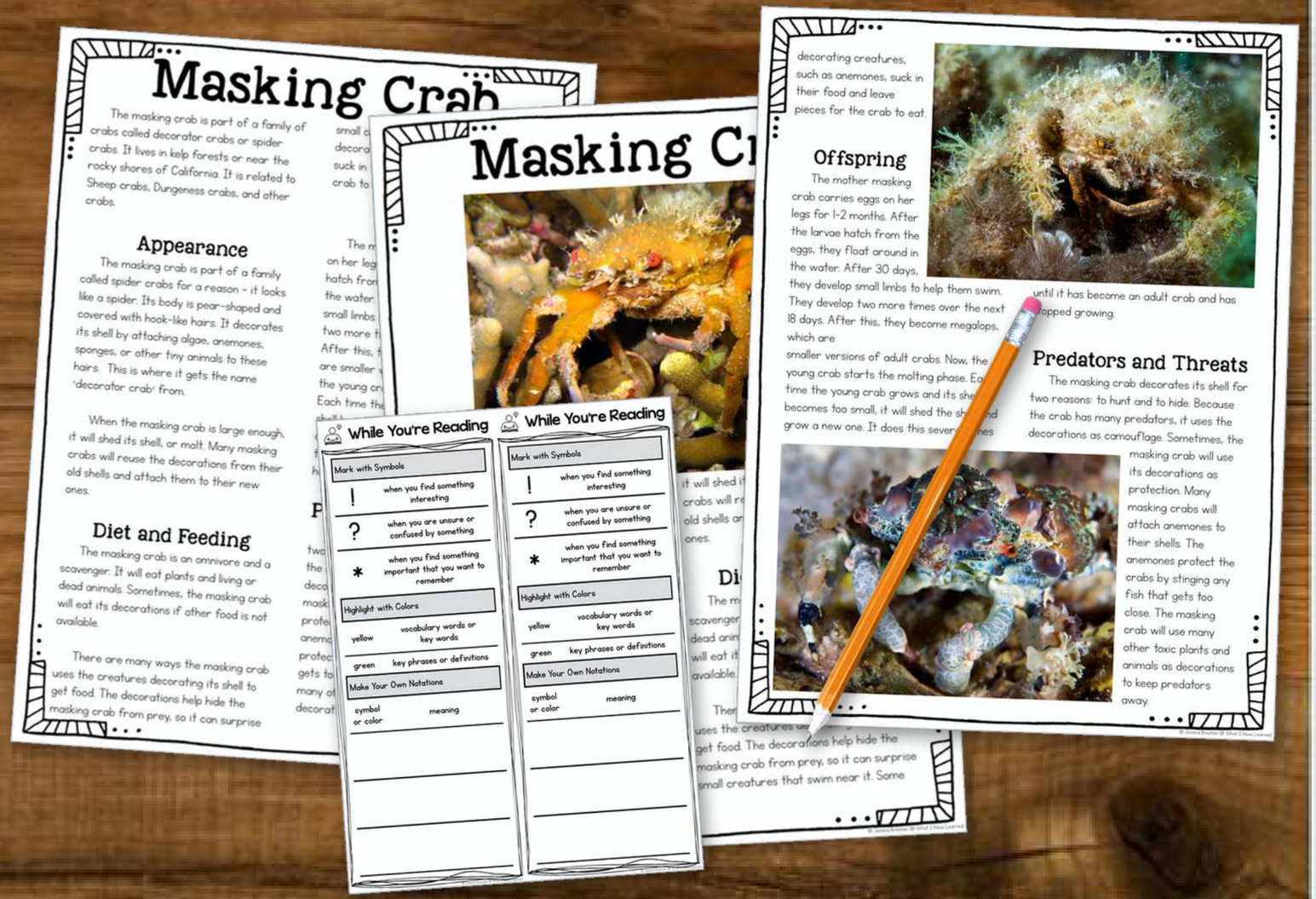
WHAT'S INCLUDED

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 masking crab.

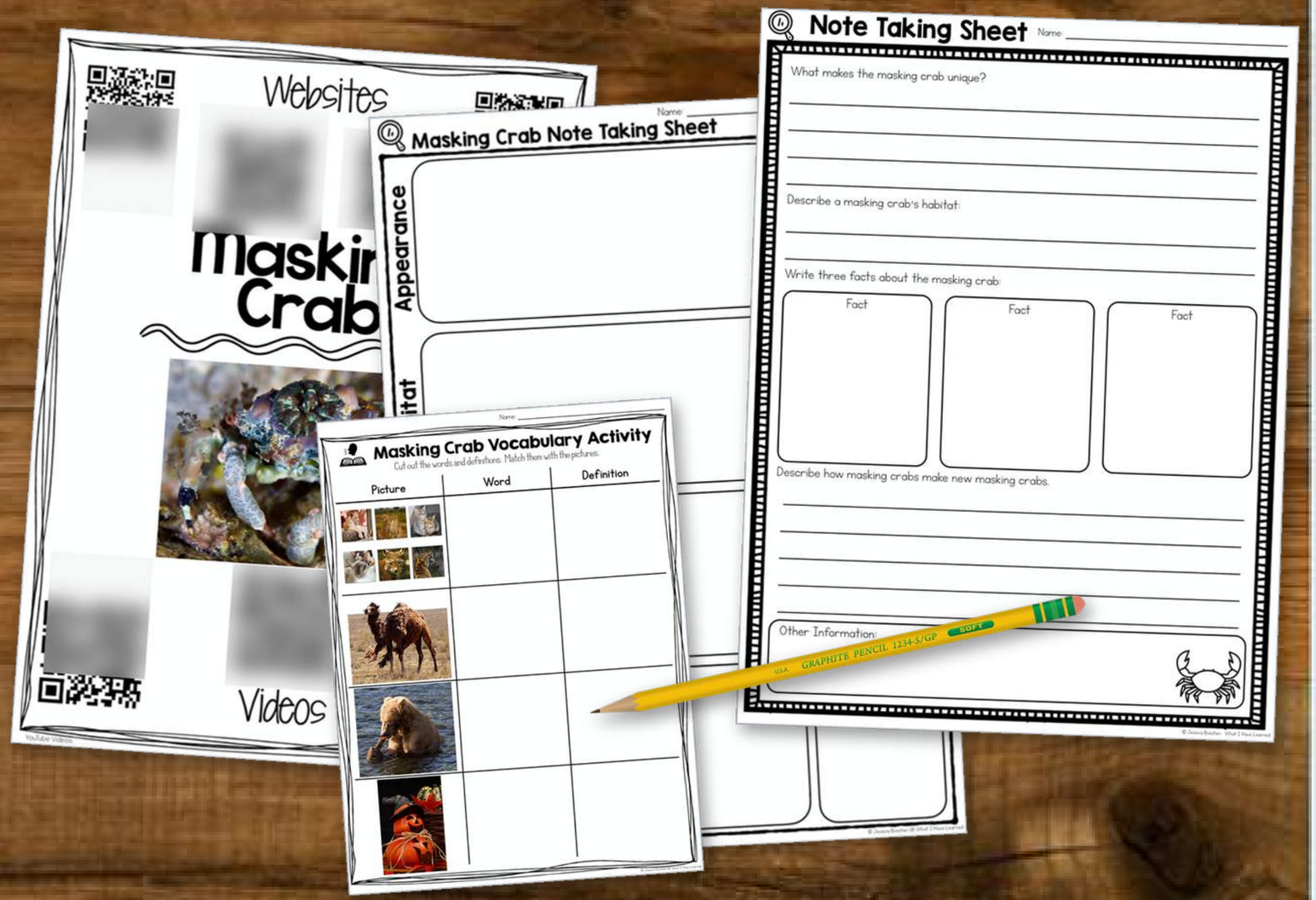
2 NOTICE DETAILS

Students look for facts about the masking crab'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 masking crab

1 WATCH AND RESEARCH

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

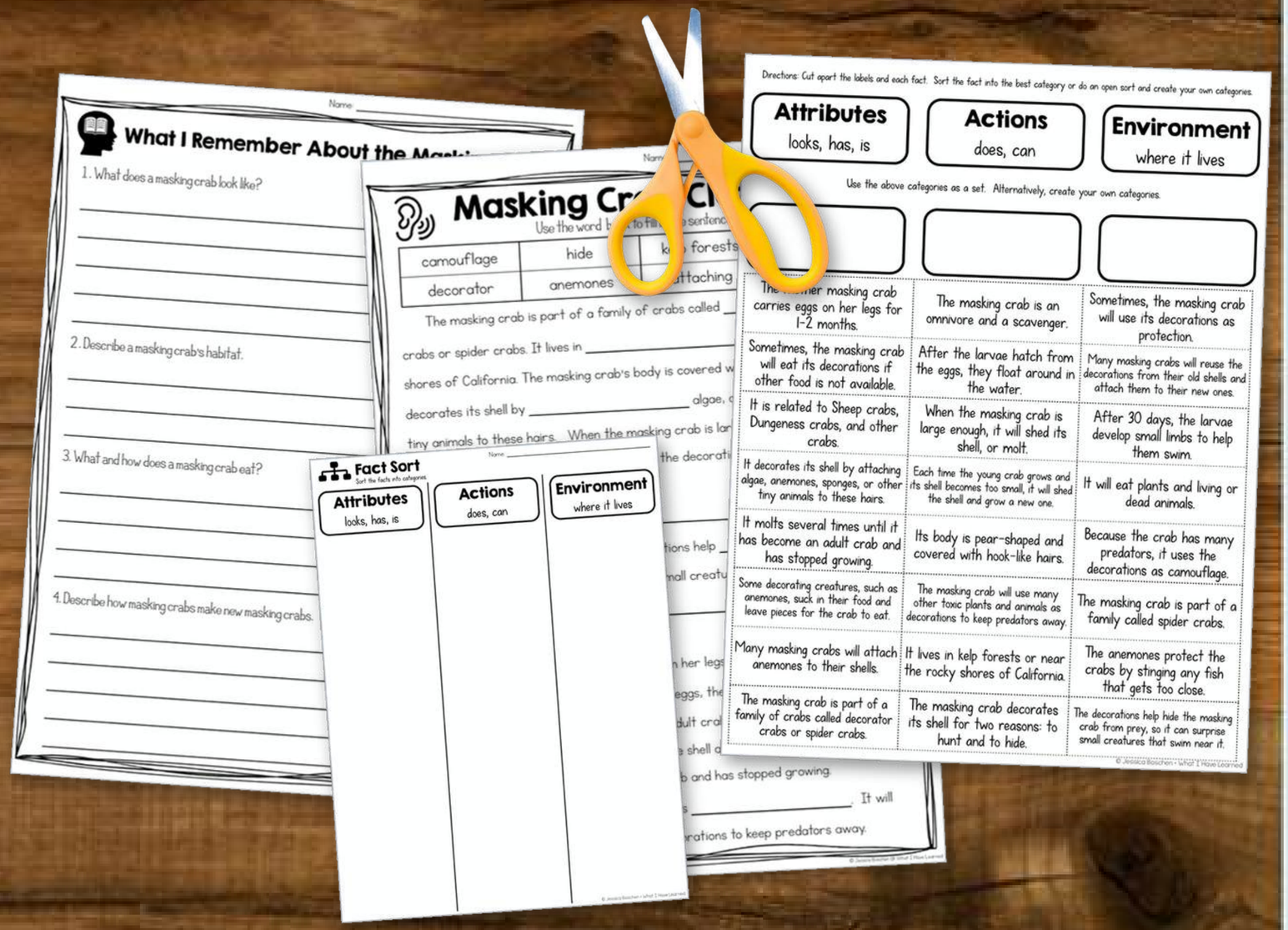
2 TAKE NOTES

Students record facts about the masking crab'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 masking crab

1 REMEMBER

Students recall important facts after reading about masking crab.

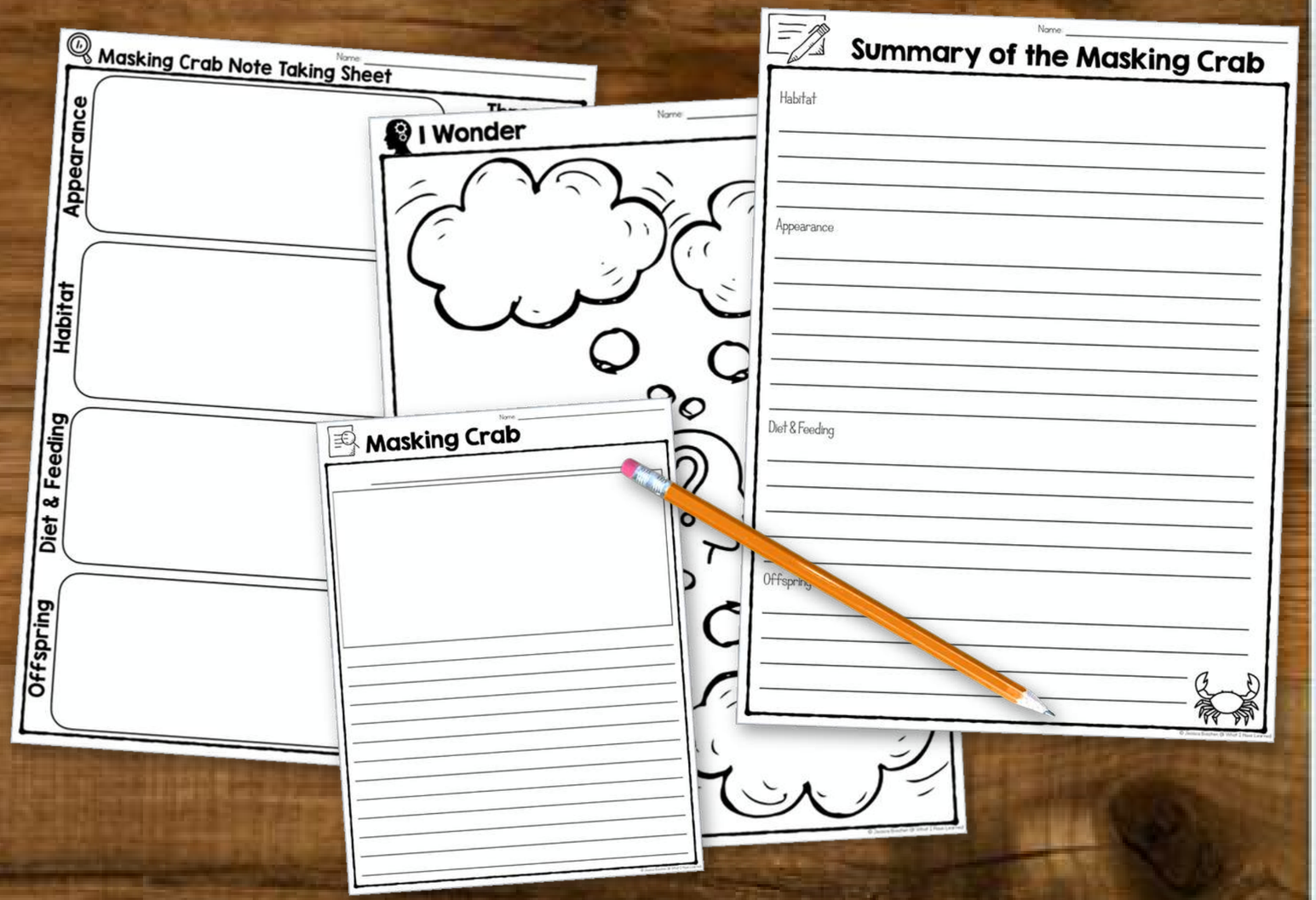
2 CHECK UNDERSTANDING

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 masking crab report

1 PLAN

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

2 SUMMARIZE

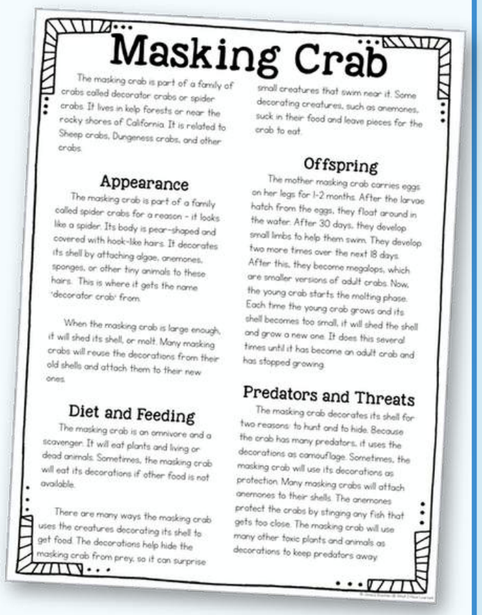
Students turn facts into a focused summary about masking crab.

3 WRITE

Students use report pages to explain what they learned.

FROM READING TO ANIMAL RESEARCH WRITING

READ



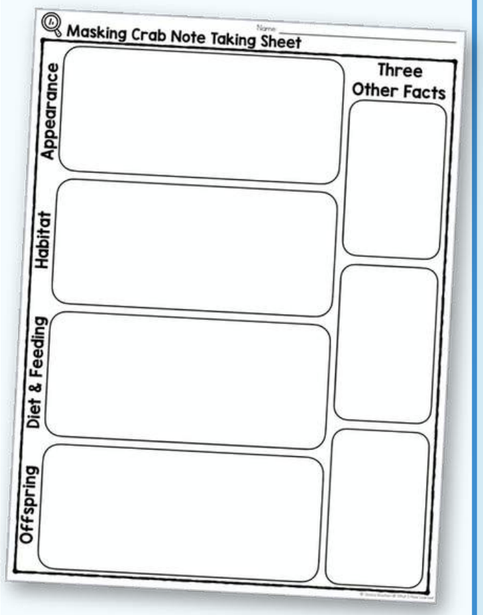
Read an informational article about masking crab in a format that fits your students.

LEARN



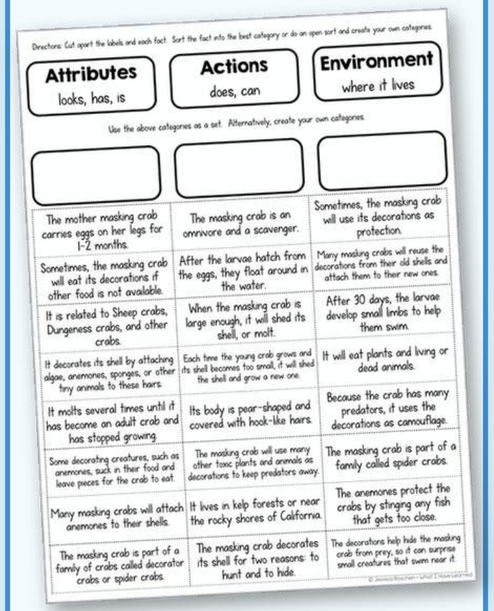
Build vocabulary with picture cards and activities about masking crab features and habitats.

RESEARCH



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

ORGANIZE



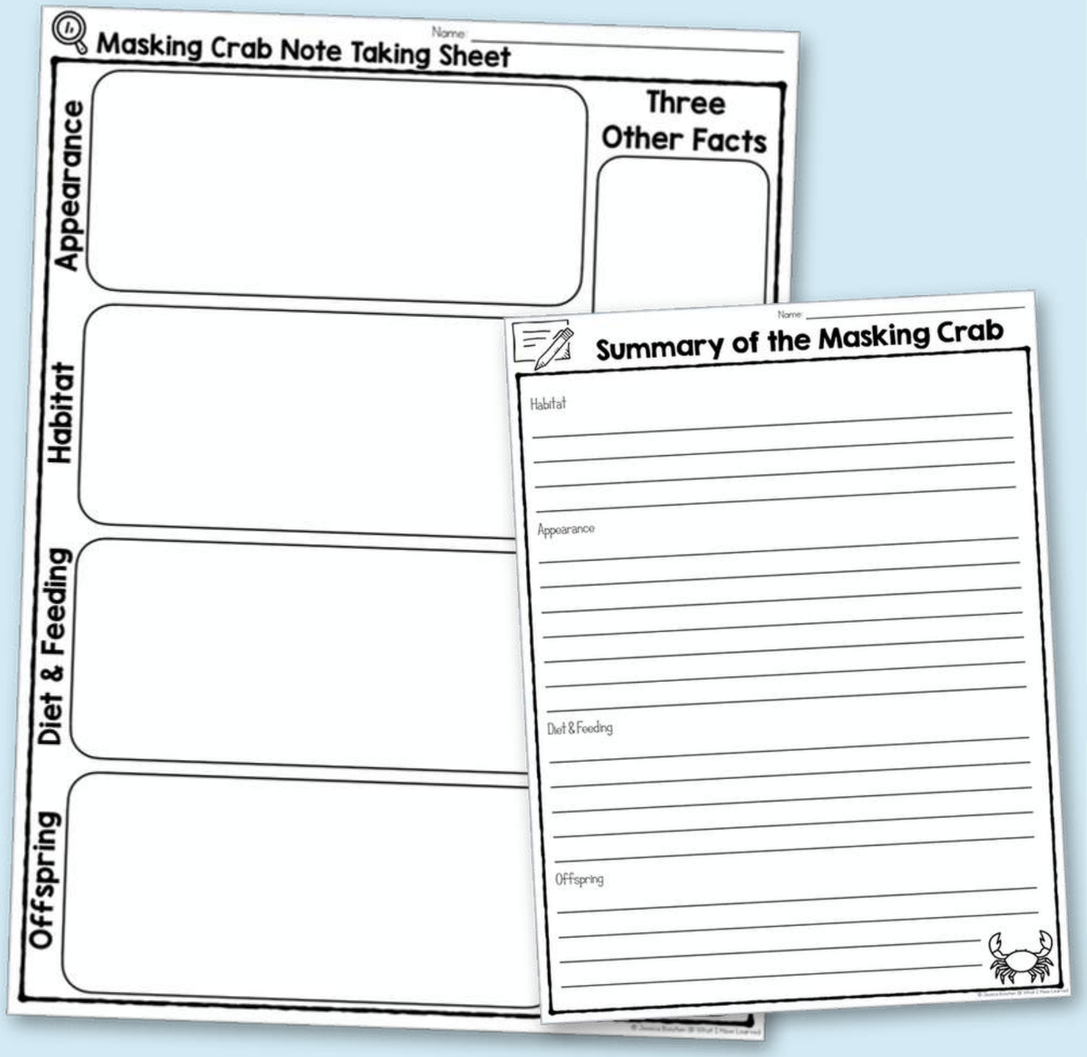
Sort facts into appearance, habitat, behavior, and life cycle categories.

WRITE



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

WAYS TO USE THIS RESOURCE



1

ANIMAL STUDY

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

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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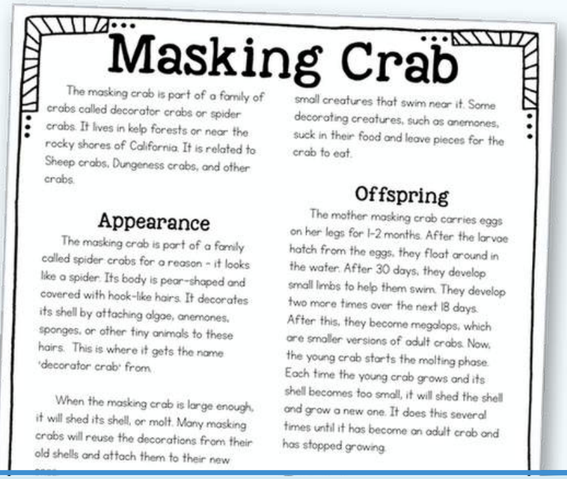
INFORMATIONAL WRITING

Move from organized notes to a clear report about masking crab.

YOU WILL LOVE THIS BECAUSE

PERFECT FOR SCIENCE AND ELA

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


Masking Crab

The masking crab is part of a family of crabs called decorator crabs or spider crabs. It lives in kelp forests or near the rocky shores of California. It is related to Sheep crabs, Dungeness crabs, and other crabs.

Appearance

The masking crab is part of a family called spider crabs for a reason – it looks like a spider. Its body is pear-shaped and covered with hook-like hairs. It decorates its shell by attaching algae, anemones, sponges, or other tiny animals to these hairs. This is where it gets the name 'decorator crab' from.

When the masking crab is large enough, it will shed its shell, or molt. Many masking crabs will reuse the decorations from their old shells and attach them to their new

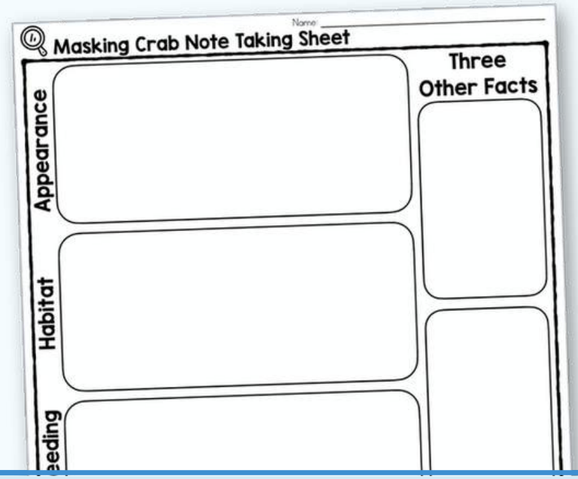
small creatures that swim near it. Some decorating creatures, such as anemones, suck in their food and leave pieces for the crab to eat.

Offspring

The mother masking crab carries eggs on her legs for 1-2 months. After the larvae hatch from the eggs, they float around in the water. After 30 days, they develop small limbs to help them swim. They develop two more times over the next 18 days. After this, they become megalops, which are smaller versions of adult crabs. Now, the young crab starts the molting phase. Each time the young crab grows and its shell becomes too small, it will shed the shell and grow a new one. It does this several times until it has become an adult crab and has stopped growing.

SAVES TIME WITH CONSISTENT LAYOUTS

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


Name:

Masking Crab Note Taking Sheet

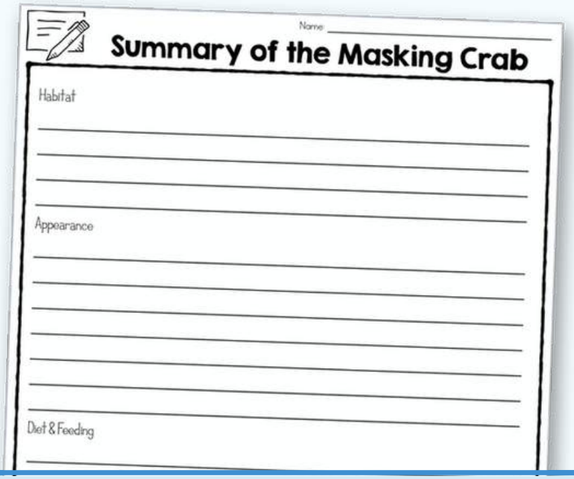
Appearance

Habitat

Three Other Facts

SUPPORTS ANIMAL RESEARCH

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


Name:

Summary of the Masking Crab

Habitat

Appearance

Diet & Feeding

TEACHERS LOVE IT!

★★★★★

Great Resource that aligns with standards and curriculum

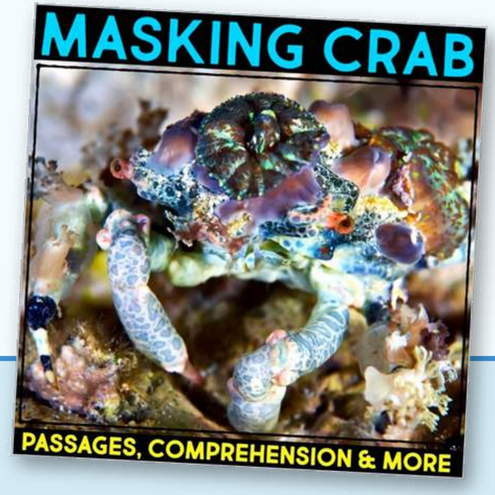
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READY FOR YOUR CLASSROOM

- **Informational articles in two formats**
- **Vocabulary, comprehension, and research activities**
- **Note-taking and informational writing pages**



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What I have LEARNED