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This product helps students better answer basic reading comprehension questions when the answer is explicitly stated in the text. Crayons, colored pencils, or skinny markers will work well for underlining the text evidence. You can read more about the step-by-step process I teach my students to use with Text Detectives [here on my blog](#).

These passages make fantastic morning work, homework, close reading, or comprehension practice! Each monthly pack includes about 10 non-fiction passages, 4 fiction passages, & 1 other type of passage that integrate science, social studies, and holidays. If you enjoy this sample, I appreciate you considering the Text Detectives packs [in my store](#)!

Thanks so much for downloading!

Jenny



Name: _____

Date: _____

Find the Evidence

Can you find the PROOF for your answers? Use a crayon in the color shown to underline where you found each answer in the text.

First Day of School

Gerry was so nervous, he was shaking a little! Today was the first day of school, and normally, Gerry loved getting to see his friends again. Today was different, though. Gerry had moved in July, and he didn't know anyone yet at his new school.

As Gerry stood at the bus stop on the corner, he wondered about his new school. Would the teacher be nice? Would his principal be scary? Would he still get to go to P.E., music, and art like at his old school? Most importantly... would he have any friends?

Just then, Gerry spotted the big yellow bus rounding the corner. The bus slowed to a stop, its brakes squeaking loudly, and the bus driver leaned out to open the door with a big smile. "Gerry Roberts?" she called.

Gerry nodded, gulped, and took a step onto the bus. As Gerry walked slowly down the center aisle, he saw a sea of unfamiliar faces staring back at him. Finally, a boy smiled. "Hey, sit here," he said, scooting over to offer a seat. With a sigh of relief, Gerry sat down and smiled. "Hi, I'm Kevin. Nice to meet you!" Thank goodness- Gerry had made a friend.



Who is Gerry's new friend?



What was Gerry most worried about?



Where was Gerry's bus stop?



Why was this first day of school different?



How did Gerry feel about the first day?



When did Gerry move to his new house?

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Remembering Pearl Harbor

On December 7, you might notice American flags at half-mast, or only halfway up the flagpole. This commemorates December 7, 1941, which President Franklin D. Roosevelt called "a day that will live in infamy."

Pearl Harbor is a naval base on the island of Oahu in Hawaii. In 1941, many members of the Navy were living on base. The base also stored many ships and supplies for the United States Navy.

December 7 of that year began as a typical day at Pearl Harbor, but at 7:48 a.m., about 350 Japanese planes attacked the base. Because the United States had not yet entered World War II, the base was completely surprised by the attack and suffered heavy losses. Over 2,000 Americans died and 181 Navy ships were destroyed.

Before the attack, most Americans wanted to stay out of World War II, but the shocking attack on Pearl Harbor changed their minds. The next day, December 8, 1941, the United States joined World War II by declaring war on Japan. Today, you can visit Pearl Harbor to remember the Navy sailors who bravely fought that day, especially those who lost their lives.



Who called December 7 "a day that will live in infamy"?



What does it mean for a flag to be at half-mast?



Where is Pearl Harbor?



Why might you visit Pearl Harbor today?



How many Americans lost their lives?



When did the planes arrive at Pearl Harbor?

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Date: _____

Find the Evidence

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is famous for being a peaceful civil rights leader. Civil rights are the basic opportunities that all people deserve.

In January 1863, President Abraham Lincoln declared the end of slavery in the United States. When Martin Luther King, Jr. was a little boy in Mississippi, over 60 years later, African Americans were still not treated the same way as white Americans, especially in the South. Black Americans had to go to separate schools, separate restrooms, and even separate water fountains. Restaurants or businesses were allowed to deny black customers, or to not hire them because of their skin color.

Even though Martin was free and not a slave, the laws said it was acceptable for people to treat him unfairly based on the color of his skin. He didn't like this, and wanted peaceful change. Martin led white and black people in peacefully protesting the unfair laws. Martin is most famous for his powerful speeches, like the "I Have A Dream" speech in Washington, D.C. on August 28, 1963. Although he died in 1968, before much change occurred, King received the Nobel Peace Prize for his civil rights work.



Who declared the end of slavery in the U.S.?



What are civil rights?



Where did Martin Luther King, Jr. grow up?



Why were black people sometimes denied a job?



How did King want people to protest?



When was the "I Have a Dream" speech?

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Date: _____

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Biography: Dr. Seuss

On March 2, 1904, Theodor Seuss Geisel was born in Springfield, Massachusetts. When he was in high school, Theodor enrolled in an art class. While attending Dartmouth College, he worked on a humor magazine and even served as the editor-in-chief. At one point, Theodor broke a rule and Dartmouth College refused to let him continue working for the magazine. Theodor began using the pen name, "Seuss," so he could secretly continue writing and creating cartoons for the magazine.

Theodor graduated and considered becoming an English teacher, but his wife Helen encouraged him to pursue drawing. He was published in magazines and even created ads for things like bug spray, oil, the TV network NBC, and the government during World War II. Next, he began publishing children's books as "Dr. Seuss." A publisher challenged Theodor to write an interesting book with 250 words or less- and he used only 236 different words to write The Cat in the Hat. He continued to write silly children's books with rhyme and rhythm. Dr. Seuss' books are so famous today that his birthday is now celebrated as Read Across America Day!



Who encouraged him to pursue drawing?



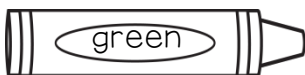
What items did Geisel's drawings advertise?



Where did Theodor go to college?



Why did he start writing as Seuss?



How many different words are in The Cat in the Hat?



When is Read Across America Day?

Name: _____

Date: _____

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April Fools!

I woke up to my alarm, feeling much sleepier than usual. *That's strange*, I thought, but it was almost time for school, so I jumped out of bed and started to get ready. Just then, my mom poked her head around the door. "April fools!" she said cheerfully. "It's not 7:30= it's 6:30!"

"Mooooom!" I whined. "That's mean!"

"Oh, it's just for fun," she replied. "It's April Fools' Day!"

An hour later, I got up at the real time. I trudged downstairs to the kitchen and grabbed my box of cornflake cereal... but as I started to pour from the box, cereal with little marshmallows came out instead! Mom must have switched the bags inside the cereal boxes!

"Mooooom! Come ON!" I shouted. She giggled and gave me the right kind.

While my mom woke up my little sister, I had a brilliant idea. I grabbed a rubber band out of the junk drawer and wrapped it around the faucet.

Mom came back and picked up my bowl to do the dishes. She turned on the faucet and the water sprayed everywhere! "April Fools!" I shouted.

Mom wiped off her face and laughed uncontrollably. "You got me!"



Who had switched the bags of cereal?



What did he wrap around the faucet?



Where did the narrator eat breakfast?



Why did the wrong cereal come out?



How did he feel when he awoke?



When did the narrator wake up?

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