

# SPRING TEXT FEATURES

18 reading passages that focus on text features and spring





# WHAT TEACHERS SAY



"This was a versatile resource. It could be used as whole class review and then small groups and then morning work for independent practice."

"This was a great resource to help my students practice using and understanding text features!"

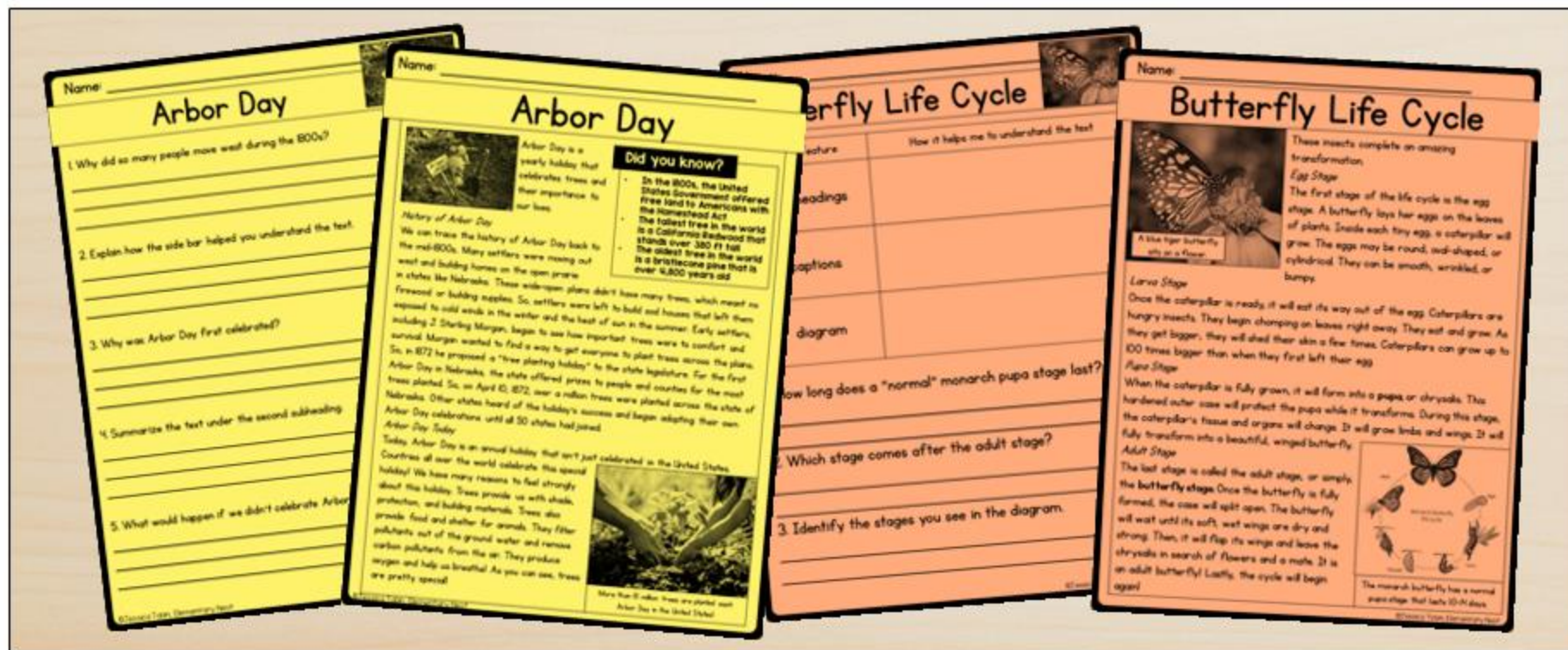
"There are passages that include topics on text features. This is what we are learning during ELA, and I find this resource great as a review or for subplans."



# COMMON CORE ALIGNED

This set of text features passages align with the Common Core Reading Informational standards:

- **RI.2.5-** Know and use various text features (e.g., captions, bold print, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text efficiently.
- **RI.3.5-** Use text features and search tools (e.g., key words, sidebars, hyperlinks) to locate information relevant to a given topic efficiently.





# TOPICS INCLUDED

**Spring Season**

**Spring Weather**

**Rainy Days**

**Plant Life Cycle**

**Grasshoppers**

**Tornadoes**

**Rainbows**

**Lightning & Thunder**

**Butterfly Life Cycle**

**National Nutrition Month**

**The Big Tournament**

**The RMS Titanic**

**Easter Eggs**

**Earth Day**

**All About Composting**

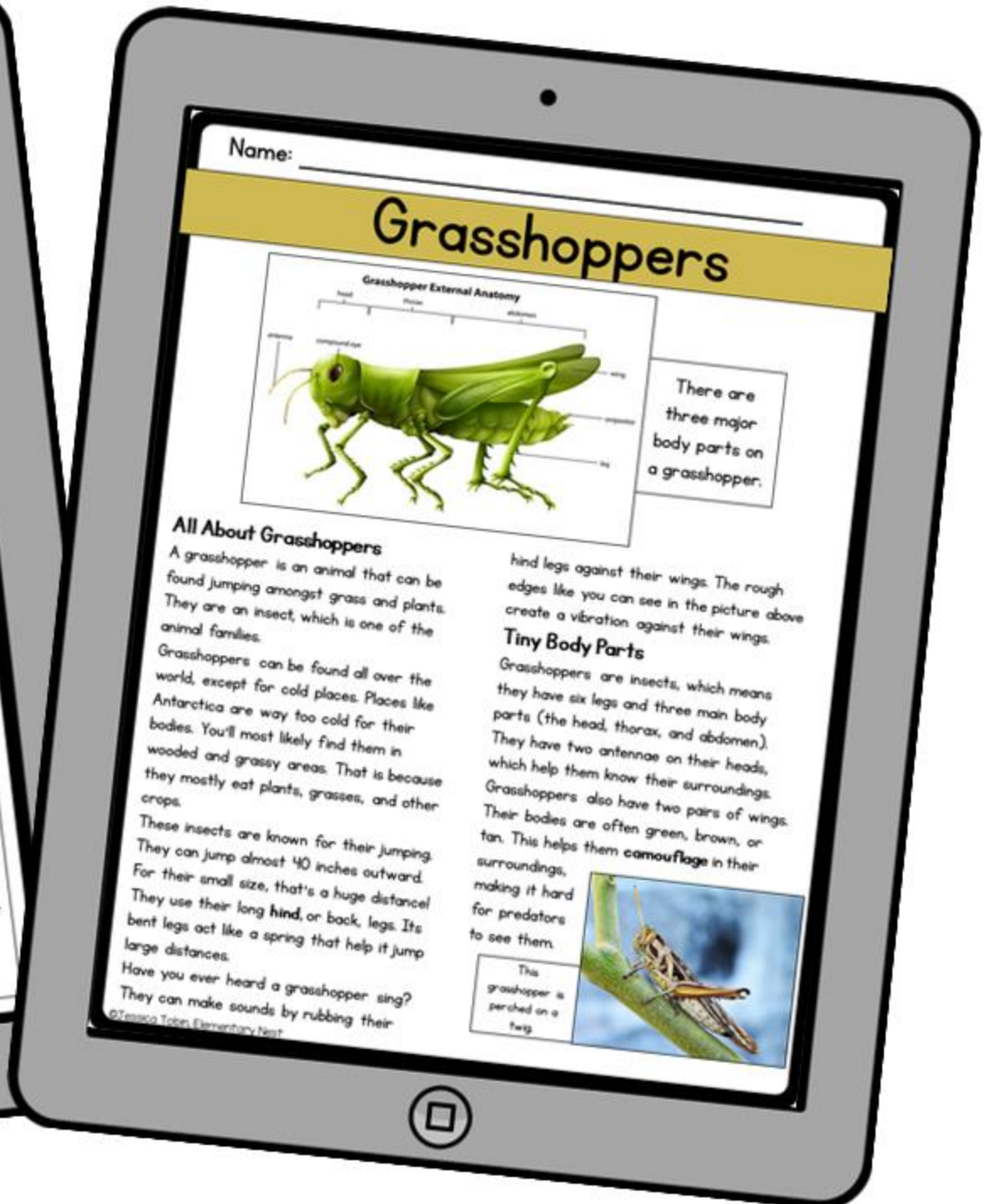
**Daylight Savings Time**

**Arbor Day**

**Rethinking Plastic**



# DIGITAL LINK INCLUDED





# EXAMPLE SETS

This example set includes two worksheets. The first, "National Nutrition Month", features a "MyPlate" diagram and text about healthy eating. The second, "Rainbows", includes a photograph of a rainbow and a diagram of the rainbow spectrum. Both worksheets have a "Text Feature" table and a list of questions.

**National Nutrition Month**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**All About Healthy Eating**

The month of March is National Nutrition Month. This is a time to teach people about healthy food choices and healthy habits. There are certain foods that are good for humans and certain foods that humans should limit. Healthy foods that are needed daily are fruits, vegetables, grains, dairy, and proteins. Grains are any foods that are made out of wheat, rice, oats, or other types of grain product. Some examples are bread, pasta, and some cereals. The proteins group includes foods that are high in protein, which help your body's organs. Some examples of this would be beans, nuts, eggs, meat, and seafood. Dairy is the food group that includes things made from milk. Some examples of this would be yogurt, cheese, and milk. And lastly, you have your fruits and vegetables. These are natural foods that grow from the ground. Some examples are apples, bananas, pears, grapes, and broccoli, green beans.

**MyPlate**

The most current chart to show healthy eating is MyPlate.

**Rainbows**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Text Feature**

| Text Feature | How it helps me to understand the text |
|--------------|----------------------------------------|
| heading      |                                        |
| sidebar      |                                        |
| labels       |                                        |

1. Describe what a rainbow is.

2. What is ROY G. BIV?

3. Identify one thing you can see in a double rainbow.

**All About Rainbows**

**What Are Rainbows?**

A rainbow is a spectrum of light that you can see in the sky. It forms in the shape of an arc. A rainbow is a full circle of light, but only be able to see a small portion of the rainbow. Other times, you can only see a small portion of the rainbow. Rainbows are only optical illusions that you see. The colors of a rainbow always follow the same pattern. It's easy to know the color pattern by remembering ROY G. BIV.

**How They Happen**

They are made when light shines through water. Often, you'll see a rainbow when the sun shines after it rains. The light from the sun is bent and reflected through the water droplets.

**Facts About Rainbows**

- Double rainbows happen. The second arc is above and to the outside of the first arc.
- A moonbow happens. It's a rainbow made of moonlight.

**Diagram:** A diagram showing a rainbow with labels for the colors: Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, and Violet.

This example set includes two worksheets. The first, "The Spring Season", features a photograph of a flower and text about spring. The second, "Tornadoes", includes a photograph of a tornado and a diagram of a tornado. Both worksheets have a "Text Feature" table and a list of questions.

**The Spring Season**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Spring**

**New Beginnings**

Spring is the season for starting over. New life begins to grow again. Trees and flowers are starting to bloom.

**Tornadoes**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**All About Tornadoes**

**Watch Out For That Tornado**

A tornado is a type of dangerous weather. It is a swirling tube of wind. It begins in the clouds and can touch down on the ground. When it touches the ground, it can do a lot of damage. The reason it does a lot of damage is due to the extreme winds that happen in a tornado. The winds are strong enough to damage buildings, knock down trees, and even throw objects around in the air.

**Watch or Warning?**

The news will often give a "tornado watch" or a "tornado warning". But many people don't know the difference between the two. A "watch" means that a tornado could happen due to the weather patterns. A "warning" means that a funnel cloud has already been seen or a tornado could form at any moment. Take action!

**For more information on staying safe during a tornado, click here.**