

CAUSE AND EFFECT READING ASSESSMENTS

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The History of Marshmallows

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In the 1800s, the French made marshmallows by hand. They put marshmallows in molds, but this took a long time to make. Soon, they took out the mallow and added gelatin instead. They also used a new machine, so they no longer had to make them by hand.

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1. When were marshmallows first made? *

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- ☐ 400 years ago
- ☐ 4,000 years ago
- ☐ 4 million years ago

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1. When were marshmallows first made? *

A. 400 years ago

2. Why were marshmallows first made? *

A. They were very special.

3. What was the effect of the new machine? *

A. They weren't clean.

4. What was the cause of the new machine? *

A. New molds in France.

5. Put the events in order.

☐ It was put into a mold.

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JAPANESE SPIDER CRABS

Japanese spider crabs live near Japan in the Pacific Ocean. They live in deep waters at 500 – 1,000 feet below or more. The crabs grow to be very large. Their bodies are growing. When the claw to the other!

These crabs are the ocean floor. Japanese spider crabs help them hide from crabs like to eat deep-sea crabs. Sometimes they lose legs caught in fishing nets. Sometimes their legs are caught in fishing nets.

1. How large can a Japanese spider crab grow? *

A. 12 feet across

2. What is the effect of the new machine? *

A. They are easy to see.

3. What is the effect of the new machine? *

A. They hide from people.

4. Why do Japanese spider crabs have many legs? *

A. They have many legs.

5. Put the events in order.

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HOW TO MAKE BIRDSEED ORNAMENTS

Materials:

- 1/2 cup warm water
- 1 envelope Knox gelatin
- 3/4 a cup flour
- Bundt pan (a mini pan with six on a tray works well)
- Nonstick spray
- 3 tbsp. light corn syrup

Directions:

- Mix the water and gelatin. Add in flour and corn syrup. Whisk together. Mix in the birdseed.
- Use the nonstick spray to grease the Bundt pan. Press the birdseed mixture into the pan.
- Let these dry for several hours in the Bundt pan. Take them out of the mold. Let them dry out completely for 24 hours.
- Add a ribbon and make a loop for hanging. Place on a tree branch.

Note: These will fall apart in the rain. Hang them in a covered place if a storm is coming.

1. Which two ingredients do you add first?

- A. Flour and corn syrup B. Water and gelatin C. Water and birdseed

2. What is the effect of greasing the Bundt pan? The birdseed...

- A. Won't stick to the pan B. Will dry better C. Will taste better

3. The text said which one might cause the birdseed ornaments to fall apart?

- A. Hot weather B. Squirrels playing with them C. Rain

4. Why do you need to add a ribbon?

- A. To make it pretty B. To hang it C. To make it look like a gift

5. Put the events in order.

- ☐ Hang it on a tree branch.

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In the early 1900s, marshmallows were made in machines. In 1948, Alex Doumak invented a new machine to mix the mixture through tubes that were then cut and marshmallows are still very popular. Half of them are made in just a few months to make s'mores.

1. When were marshmallows first made?

- A. 400 years ago B. 4,000 years ago

2. Why were marshmallows only given to gods and pharaohs?

- A. They were very special. B. No one else liked them.

3. What was the effect of making marshmallows in molds?

- A. They weren't clean. B. They looked funny. C. They were easier to make.

4. What was the cause of making marshmallows in machines?

- A. New molds in France B. A new machine in 1948 C. They were easier to make.

5. Put the events in order writing 1 for the first, 2 for the second, and so on.

- ☐ It was put into molds and made by hand. ☐ It was made in a machine.

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☐ The mixture was put into tube

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JAPANESE SPIDER CRABS

Japanese spider crabs live near Japan in the Pacific Ocean. They live in deep waters at 500 – 1,000 feet below or more. The crabs grow to be very large. Their bodies are about fifteen inches across. When they are fully grown, they can grow to be 20 inches long. When they are fully grown, they can grow to be 20 inches long.

These crabs are orange and white. They live on the ocean floor. Japanese spider crabs also try to stick to sponges, sea anemones, and other things to help them hide from predators like octopus. Crabs like to eat dead fish and shellfish. They are scavengers.

Japanese spider crabs have ten skinny legs. Sometimes they lose legs to predators. Sometimes they are caught in fishing nets. They can survive losing legs. Sometimes their legs grow back.

1. How large can a Japanese spider crab's legs be?

- A. 12 feet across B. 12 inches across

2. What is the effect of the crabs being orange and white?

- A. They are easy to see. B. They blend into the background.

3. What is the effect of putting sponges and other things on the ocean floor?

- A. They hide from predators. B. They are easy to see.

4. Why do Japanese spider crabs look like spiders?

- A. They have many skinny legs. B. They are easy to see.

5. Put the events in order writing 1 for the first, 2 for the second, and so on.

- ☐ Spider crabs have 10 legs. ☐ The leg grows back.

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Cause and Effect B

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4. Why do you need to add a ribbon?

- A. To make it pretty B. To hang it on a branch C. To give it as a gift

5. Put the events in order writing 1 for the first, 2 for the second, and so on.

- ☐ Hang it on a tree branch. ☐ Mix in the birdseed. ☐ Let them dry.

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Cause and Effect C

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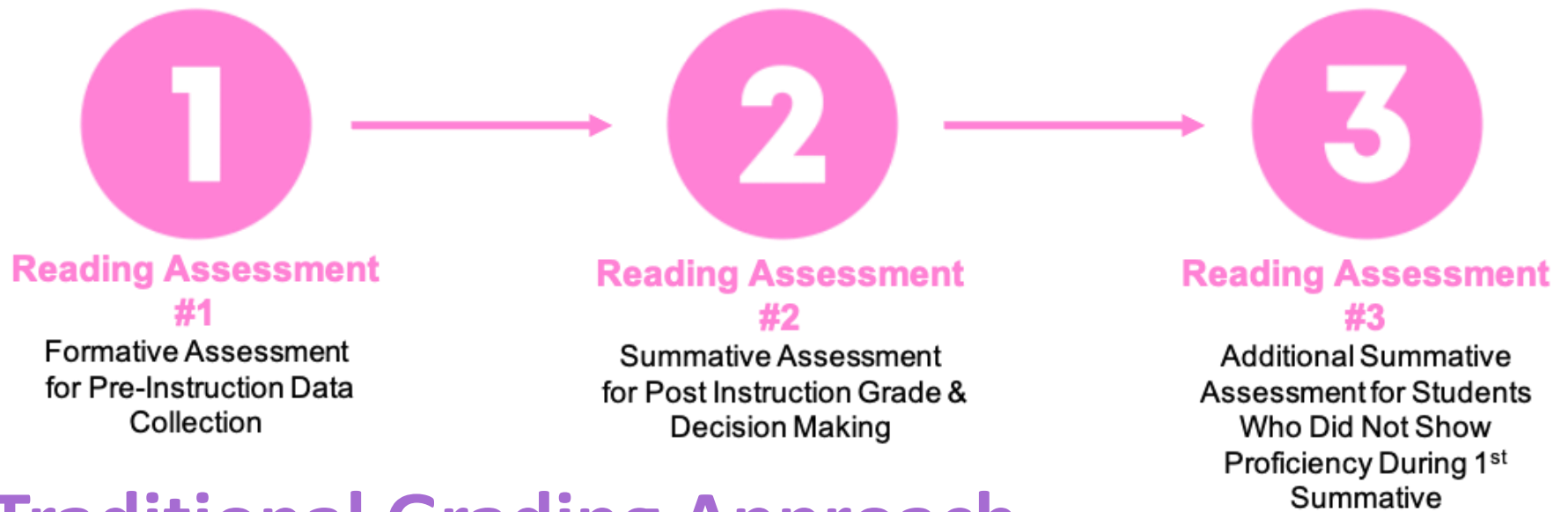
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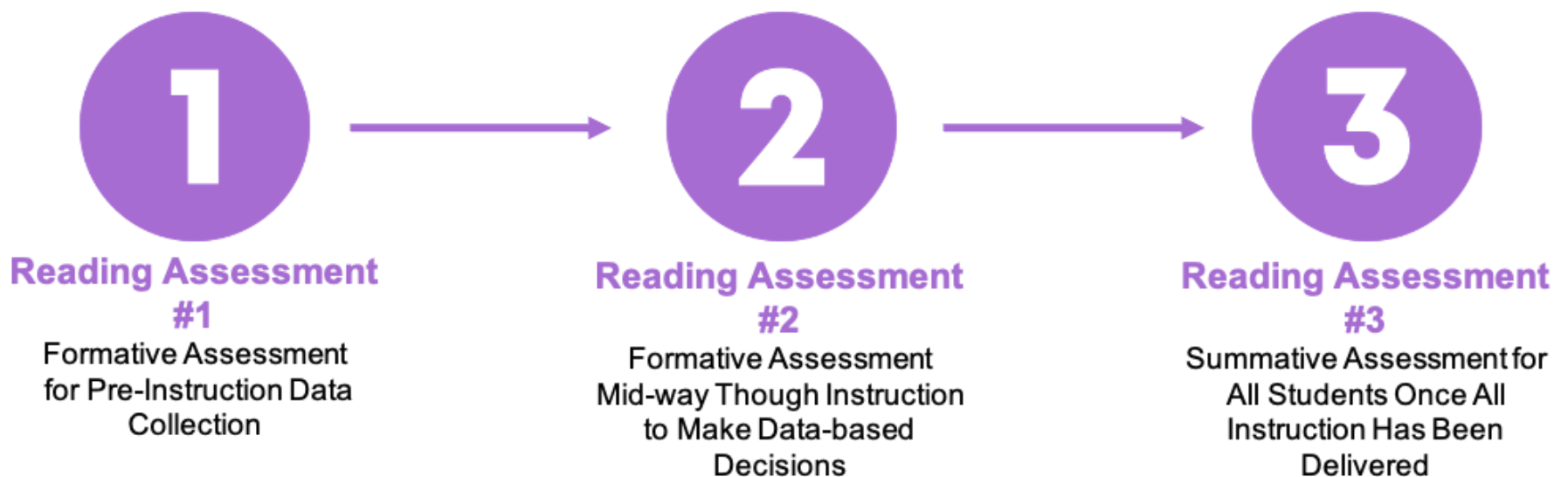
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Traditional Grading Approach



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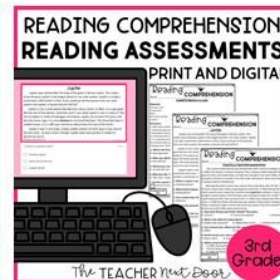
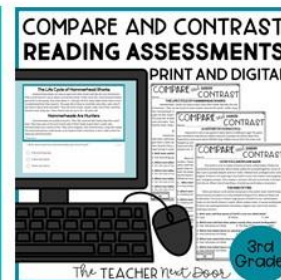
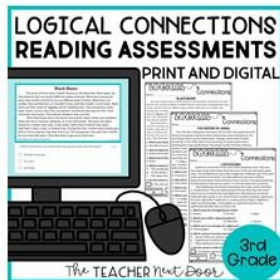
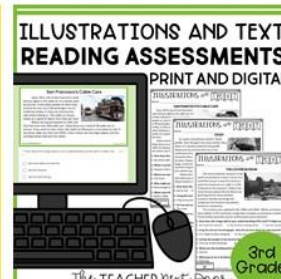
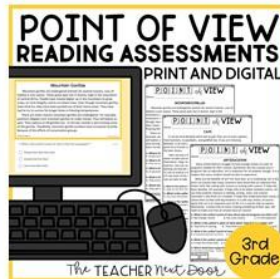
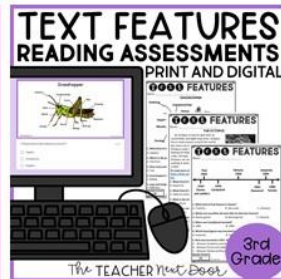
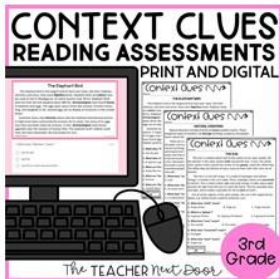
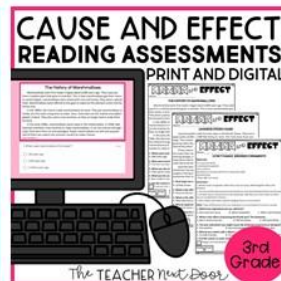
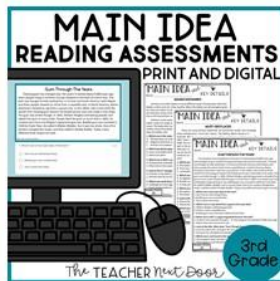
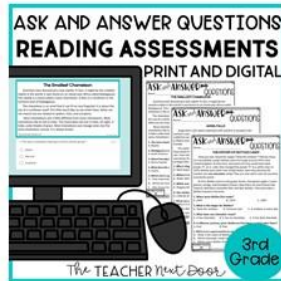
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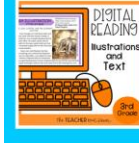
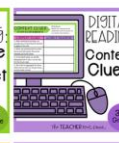
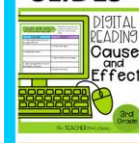
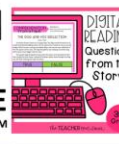


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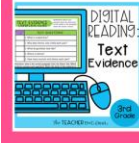
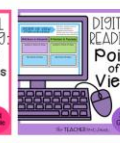
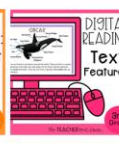
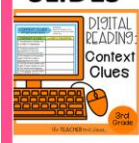
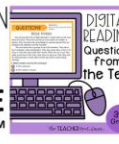
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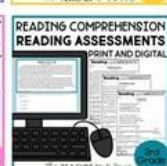
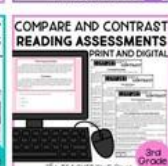
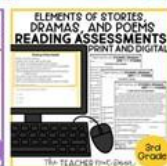
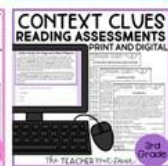
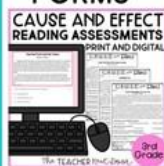
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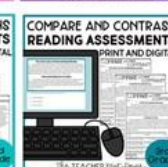
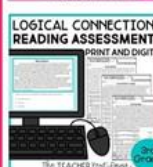
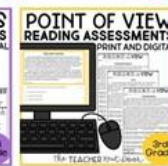
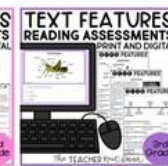
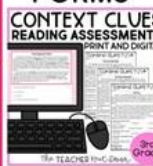
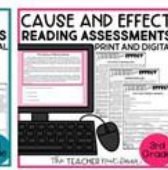
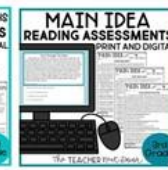
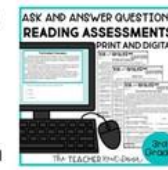


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