

# SUMMER SAFARI

## END OF THE YEAR UNIT OR ANY TIME

### THE LEOPARD AND THE RABBIT

Tanzania Folklore

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Day after day, afterwards, the house was built.

Rabbit was pleased then moved into his new house, while Leopard without his permission.

Rabbit wanted to make them cry loudly. Mrs. Rabbit responded for Leopard to eat Leopard's liver. When Leopard could kill him too.

Things were so scary. Leopard was so scared. Leopard was so scared. Leopard was so scared. Leopard was so scared. Leopard was so scared.

### The Caterpillar's ROAR

An East African Folklore

Once there was a caterpillar, who was so full of coffee, cocoa, and coconut, that he accidentally crawled into a rabbit's den and fell asleep. A few hours later, rabbit came back home, but noticed strange marks in the dirt at the entrance to his home. Rabbit decided not to go in yet, but yelled, "Who's in my home?" The caterpillar woke up in a panic, after hearing the strange voice and realized that he was in trouble. Thinking quickly, the caterpillar inhaled all of the air he could and called back in a booming voice, "I am the long, furry warrior, the creature with 12 eyes who sees all! I am so powerful that I can destroy the world!"

The rabbit was very frightened to hear such news and hopped down the road to search for help. Soon, he came upon a jackal. The rabbit stopped and bowed low. "Excuse me sir, but there's a monster who has taken over my home. Would you please see if you can reason with him? Everyone says how persuasive you can be." Of course, the jackal was flattered by this compliment, and so he agreed. When they reached the rabbit's home, the jackal howled, "Who invades the home of my friend?" Hearing the howl made the caterpillar shake with fear, but once again he inhaled all the air he could and thundered, "I am the long, furry warrior, the creature with 12 eyes who sees all! I am so powerful that I can destroy the world!" At these words, the jackal turned and looked into the rabbit's eyes, saying, "I'm afraid I won't be able to help you." And at that, the jackal hurried away.

The rabbit ran deeper into the forest, searching for someone who might be able to help. Before long, he saw a leopard. "Leopard," he said, "I know how very brave you are. Would you please come home with me and frighten away the monster who has taken over my home?" Leopard naturally felt full of pride, and he walked purposefully to rabbit's home. At the entryway he growled, "Who's in rabbit's house? Come out this instant!" The timid caterpillar once again inhaled mightily and cried out in the loudest voice he could muster, "I am the long, furry warrior, the creature with 12 eyes who sees all! I am so powerful that I can destroy the world!" The leopard

### Safari Math

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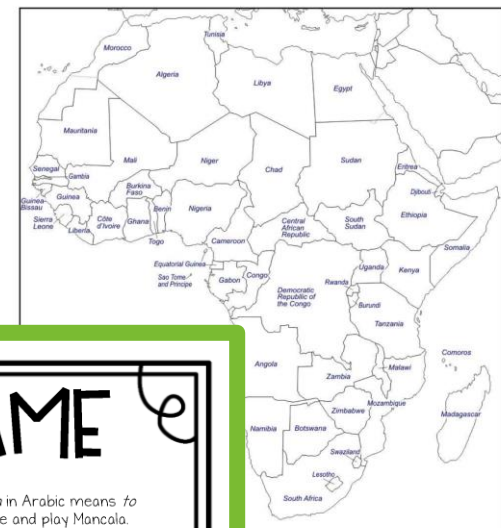
Directions: Solve the problems below and place the answer in the small box.

Elephants spend 18 hours a day feeding on plants and grasses. How many hours a week do elephants spend eating?

A zebra's lifespan is about 15 years. A chimpanzee's lifespan is 35 years more than a zebra's. How long does a chimpanzee live?

### TAKE A TRIP TO AFRICA

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



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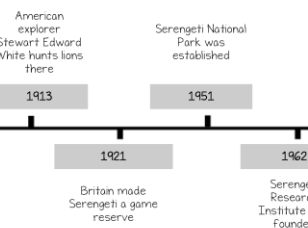
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### Serengeti Timeline

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



- When was the Serengeti National Park established? \_\_\_\_\_
- Stewart White was a professional hunter who brought a group of people to the Serengeti. What year did he arrive in the Serengeti? \_\_\_\_\_
- In 2010, the Tanzanian president proposed a road through the Serengeti to disrupt the migration patterns of many animals. What was the name of the road? \_\_\_\_\_
- In which year did the East African Court rule against the road due to its impact on the environment? \_\_\_\_\_
- Before the Serengeti was a national park, which country made the Serengeti a game reserve? \_\_\_\_\_

### MANCALA GAME

Mancala is a very old, two player game, that comes from Africa. *Mancala* in Arabic means *to transfer*, which is what the game is mostly about. Here are directions to make and play Mancala.

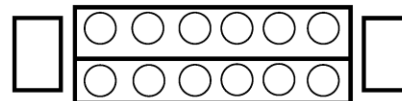
#### Materials:

- cardboard egg carton
- scissors
- 48 markers: dried beans, pebbles, beads or flat glass circles
- 2 small containers/boxes/margarine tubs
- tempera/acrylic paints and brushes (optional)

#### Directions to Make a Mancala:

- You will be using the bottom of the egg carton. If desired, carefully cut off the egg carton lid.
- If you want to, you can paint the egg carton to decorate it and then allow it to dry.
- Place 4 markers in each of the 12 egg cups. Place a small container at both ends of the carton. This container is called a *kalaha* and is where each player stores markers.

#### How to Play Mancala:



3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Grades

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# SAFARI-THEMED READING

A variety of standards covered!

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Tanzania Folktale

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The next day, Leopard brought an extra bundle. Leopard left the bundle and went to the new place. Rabbit watched him work and did the same.

When Leopard saw that he got tired, he went away to sleep. Afterwards, the house was found.

Day after day, Leopard moved into his side and the house, while Leopard lived without his permission, and he was not happy.

Rabbit wanted the house to make them cry loudly. When Mrs. Rabbit replied, "Who is the owner of the house?"

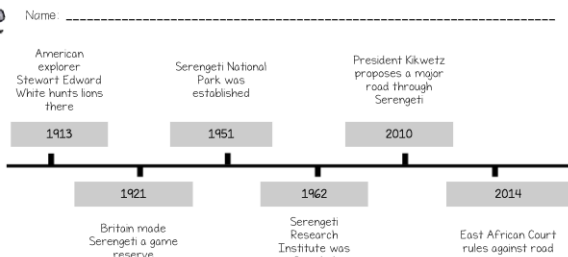
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2. Stewart White was a professional hunter who brought a group of people to the Serengeti to camp and to hunt for three months. What year did he arrive in the Serengeti? \_\_\_\_\_
3. In 2010, the Tanzanian president proposed a road through the Serengeti that would provide jobs for many people but would also disrupt the migration patterns of many animals. What was the name of this president? \_\_\_\_\_
4. In which year did the East African Court rule against the road due to its concern over the welfare of the animals living there? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Before the Serengeti was a national park, which country made the Serengeti a game reserve in 1921? \_\_\_\_\_

## The Serengeti National Park

The Serengeti National Park is located in the northern part of Tanzania and the southwestern part of Kenya, in east Africa. This large area gets its name from the Maasai language, which means "endless plains", and it includes 12,000 square miles of protected space. This area is home to the largest mammal migration in the world and is a popular destination for African safaris.

Altitudes in the Serengeti range from 3,020 feet to 6,070 feet. The climate is usually warm and dry but can be very harsh, with strong winds and extreme heat. The Serengeti has two rainy seasons, March to May, and October to November.

The Serengeti landscape is quite varied with plains, grasslands, and hills with rock formations. The Serengeti has an active volcano named Ol Doinyo Lengai, which ejects a lava that turns white when it is exposed to air. The landscape has a number of granite and gneiss (nice) rock formations called kopjes (pies) that are the result of volcanic activity. One of these kopjes is a popular tourist stop and is called Simba Kopje (Lion Kopje).

The wildlife in the Serengeti is plentiful and there are a great variety of different animal species, such as wildebeests, zebras, lions, cheetahs, hippos, rhinos, leopards, hyenas, elephants, gazelles, cape buffalo, giraffes, and more. In addition to the large mammals that can be found on safaris, there are also many varieties of dung beetles, as well as more than 500 bird species, including the very large ostrich to the small bee-eater. A black eagle that soars above the Lobo Hills.

One of the most spectacular sights to see while on safari is the Great Migration. Every year, about 1.5 million wildebeest, followed by hundreds of thousands of other plains animals, migrate 500 miles to Kenya for feeding. These animals travel south from the northern hills to the southern plains for the short rains every October and November, and then swirl west and north after the rains in April, May, and June.

The history of the Serengeti is an interesting one. The Maasai people were the first known humans to live there as hunter-gatherers for around 200 years, when the first European explorers visited the area in 1892. The first European explorer was a German geographer, named Dr. Oscar Reischner. A group of professional hunters came to the northern Serengeti region in 1913. This included Stewart Edward White, who stayed for three months, hunting lions and recording his observations. He wrote, "We walked for miles over burnt out country. Then I saw the green trees of the Serengeti. It was a paradise."

As more Europeans discovered the area, lions were overhunted, making them scarce, so the British made a partial game reserve of 800 acres in the area in 1921 and a full one in 1929. This setting led to the creation of Serengeti National Park, which was established in 1951.

The Serengeti became very well-known through the work of Bernhard Grzimek and his son Michael. Together they produced the book and film called "Serengeti Shall Not Die," which was one of the first movies and books that supported the conservation of land and animals.

One of the controversial events that took place in the park was the relocation of the Maasai people. In order to preserve more of the wildlife in the Serengeti, the government asked the Maasai people to leave their homelands to move to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area.

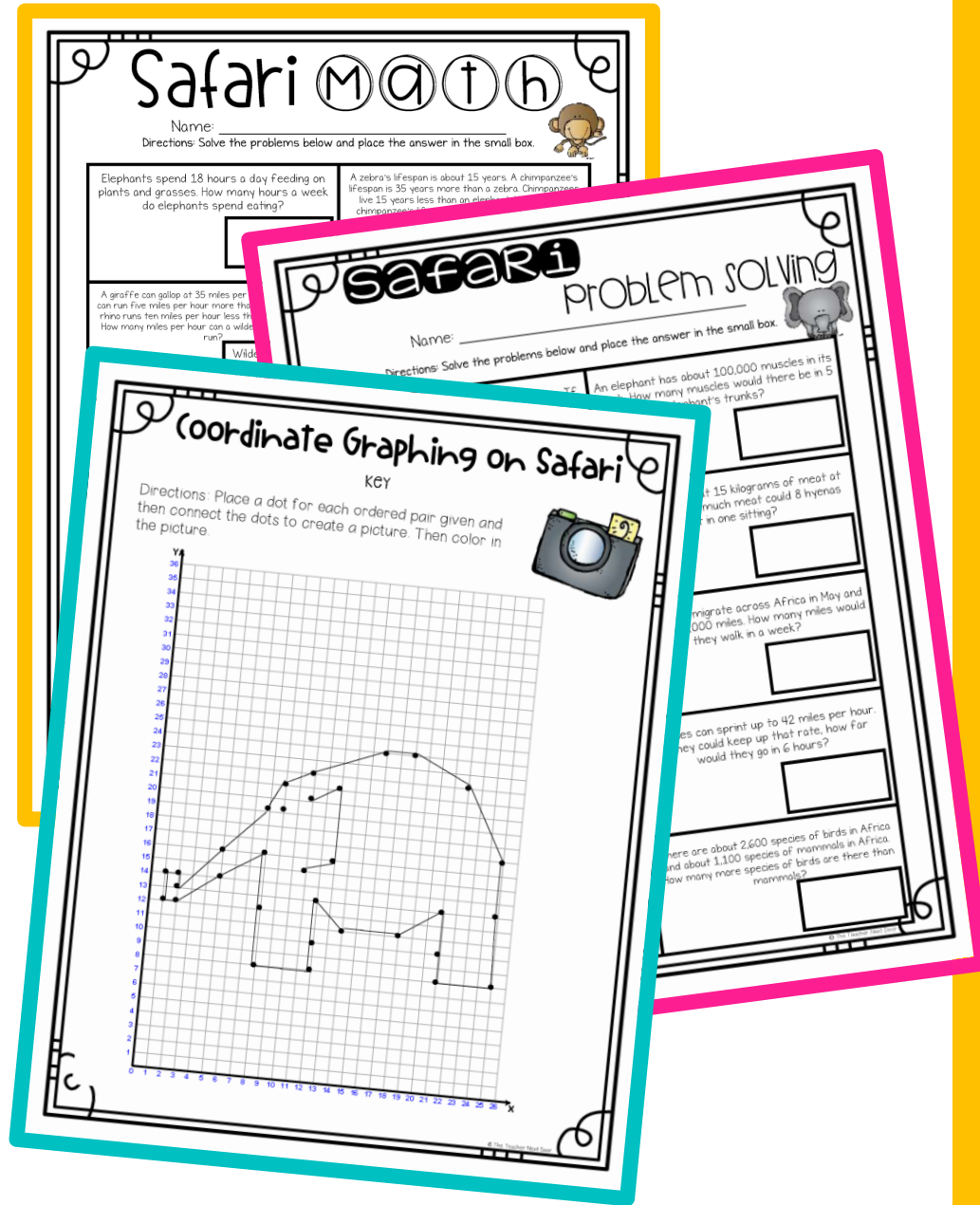
The Serengeti remains as one of Africa's masterpieces, with lovely landscapes dotted with colorful animals. Over 90,000 visitors enjoy coming on safari here each year, to take photos and to bring back memories from this ancient place.

Can be used for:

- Literacy centers
- Small groups/partners

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# Great way to review!



- **Math Centers**
- **Independent Practice**



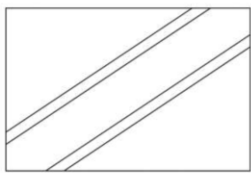
# SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES

## TANZANIA

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

Tanzania is the largest country in east Africa. It includes several small islands called Zanzibar, Pemba, and Mafia. Tanzania borders the Indian Ocean.

Directions: Color the flag of Tanzania. The top triangle is green and the bottom triangle is medium blue. It has a wide black strip in the middle, with smaller yellow stripes around the black stripe.




There are several important African landforms in Tanzania. These include Mount Kilimanjaro, which was once an active volcano. It is the highest point in Africa. Tanzania also has three of the largest lakes in Africa, Lake Victoria in the north (the world's second-largest freshwater lake), Lake Tanganyika in the west, and Lake Nyasa in the southwest.

Much of Tanzania's land is savannah, bush, and semi-desert. There are many animals living there. In fact, some of the most well-known African mammals live in Tanzania, such as the zebra, giraffe, elephant, rhino, lion, cheetah, and leopard. Sadly, many of these animals are endangered due to poaching. Crocodiles and hippos are also native to the riverbanks and lakeshores. Giant turtles swim in the Indian Ocean.

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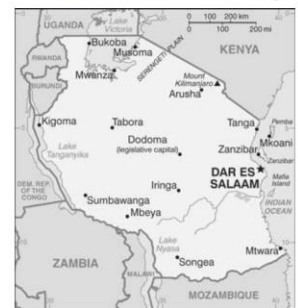
## TAKE A TRIP TO AFRICA

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



## MAP OF TANZANIA

<http://www.mapsofmozambique.com>



5. What is the capital of Tanzania (NOT the legislative capital)? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Which mountain is located near the Serengeti Plains? \_\_\_\_\_

7. If you wanted to travel from Tabora to Kigoma, which lake would you cross? \_\_\_\_\_

8. If you wanted to travel from Songea to Iringa, which lake would you cross? \_\_\_\_\_





9. If you wanted to travel from Tanga to Mbeya, which lake would you cross? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Which two small countries are near the northern border of Tanzania? \_\_\_\_\_

11. In which two countries besides Tanzania, is Lake Victoria located? \_\_\_\_\_

## Serengeti Food Chain I


Directions: Cut out the food chain strips and place them in order from the start of the food chain (the thing that gives energy in the first place) to the largest animal on the food chain.

A Serengeti Food Chain	
by: _____	
Lion	
Sun	
Zebra	
Jarrah Tree	

## Safari Animals:

- lion
- elephant
- wildebeest
- giraffe
- zebra
- black rhino
- white rhino
- hippo
- leopard
- crocodile
- baboon
- bat-eared fox
- vervet monkey
- bushbuck
- oryx
- eland
- Grant gazelle
- Thomson gazelle
- Hartebeest
- hyena
- impala
- jackal
- kudu
- mongoose
- nyala
- red duiker
- reedbuck
- serval
- cape buffalo
- springbok
- waterbuck
- warthog
- tapi

## A Picture of My Animal:



## My African Safari Animal:

## Animal Facts

Animal: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Type (circle one): mammal bird reptile amphibian

Height/Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Predators: \_\_\_\_\_

## Animal Babies

Born: (circle one) Live From an egg

Usual number of babies born at a time: \_\_\_\_\_

How long until babies are independent: \_\_\_\_\_

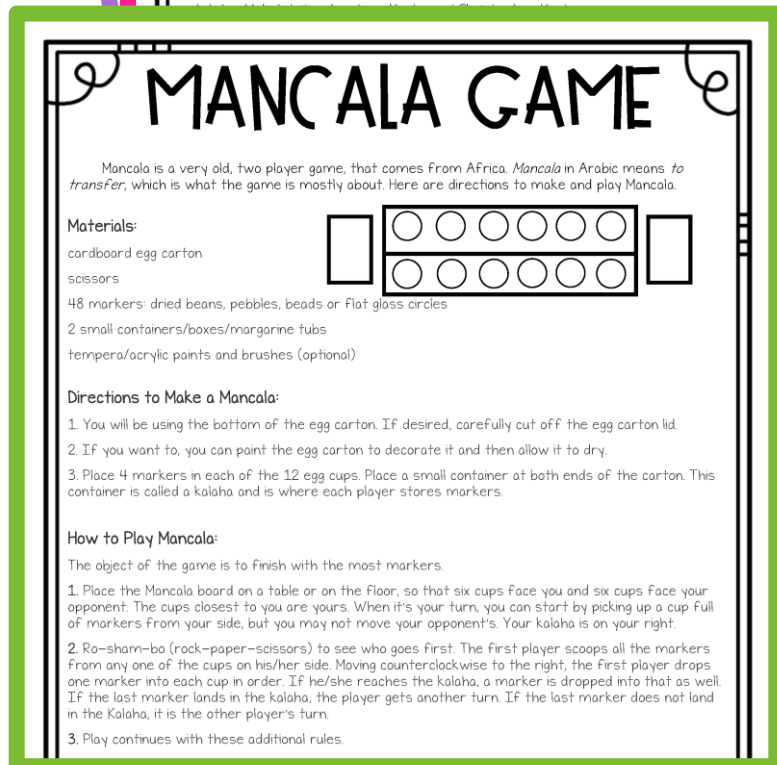
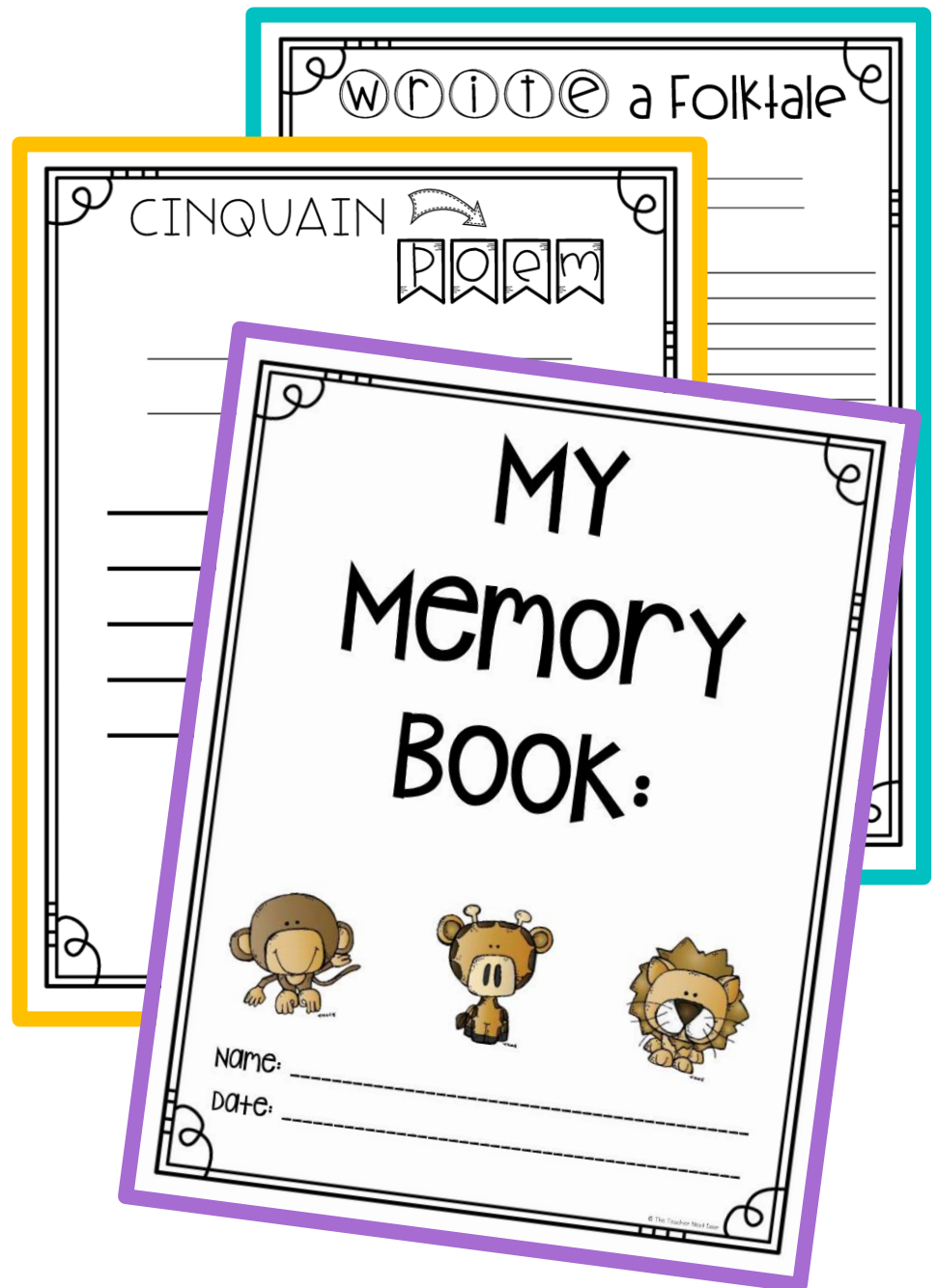
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Can be used for:

- Whole Class
- Partner Work

# WRITING AND MORE!



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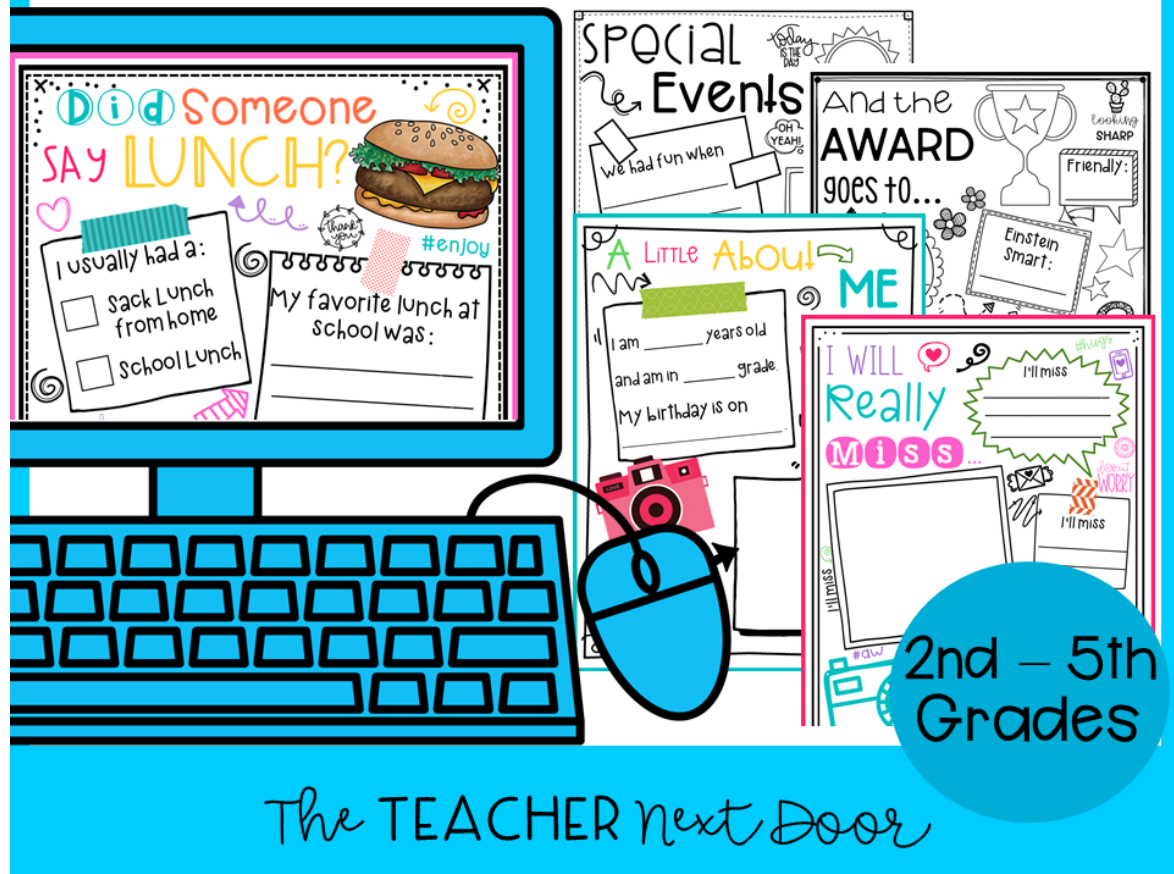
- Independent Practice
- Whole Class

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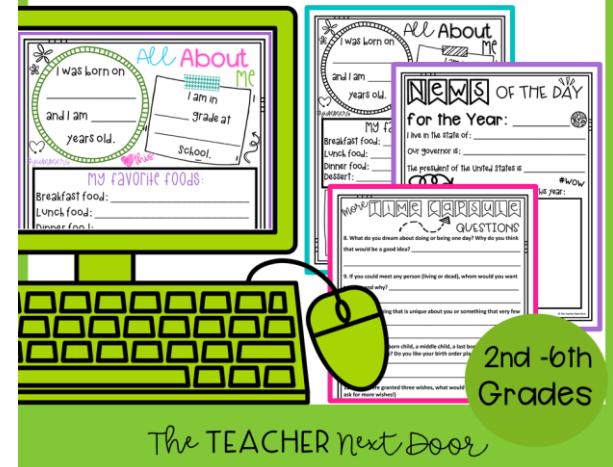
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