

PAIRED TEXTS

FICTION TO NONFICTION

Kangaroo GETS A POUCH

Australia Aboriginal Legend

Name: _____

A Mother Kangaroo had a son named _____ who was always wandering off to explore the bush. One day, he was gone so long that Mother Kangaroo started to worry. When she saw the leaves shaking, she thought it was him and bounded after him. She hopped over quickly, she unintentionally bumped into a wombat. "Hey! Watch where you're going," the wombat yelled. "I'm so sorry," said Mother Kangaroo.

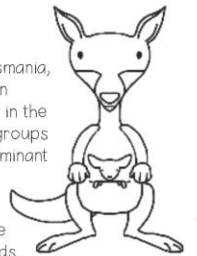
kangaroo VOCABULARY

Name: _____



Kangaroos

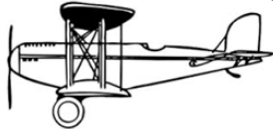
Some kangaroos live in New Guinea, Tasmania, and other different habitats. Some live in the open fields, on the leafy ground, or even in the dense forests. They are social animals and live in small groups called mobs. The mob is led by the dominant male.



Kangaroos are also marsupials, which means they carry their young in a pouch. The largest kangaroo is the red kangaroo, which is 6 - 8 inches long and weighs less than 100 pounds.

Kangaroos are active during the day and often find most kangaroos resting in the shade of trees, ferns, moss, and even insects and need very little water.

Skywriting



Skywriting with high horsepower planes or cropdusters, is an art that few pilots are able to master. Skywriting takes place two miles above ground and these aerial maneuvers require looping, climbing, and flipping like a roller coaster. This would be challenging enough but all of this takes place while releasing perfectly timed streams of thick, white smoke. Want to send a message? Since it costs at least \$5,000, most of skywriting profits come from business advertising. Where else would messages be seen for more than 2,800 square miles, while attracting people's attention automatically? Skywriting however, wasn't originally invented for business, it started with England's military in World War I.

Although there are two kinds of skywriting, traditional and digital, very few people are able to do traditional, which is something that's been lost to time.

Kangaroo PAIRED TEXTS QUESTIONS

Name: _____

Fill in the chart.

TEXT TITLE	GENRE	GENRE EVIDENCE



KANGAROO NARRATIVE WRITING

Name: _____

Write a story about a kangaroo who found another use for her pouch. Make sure your story has a beginning, middle, and an ending.



4TH - 6TH GRADES

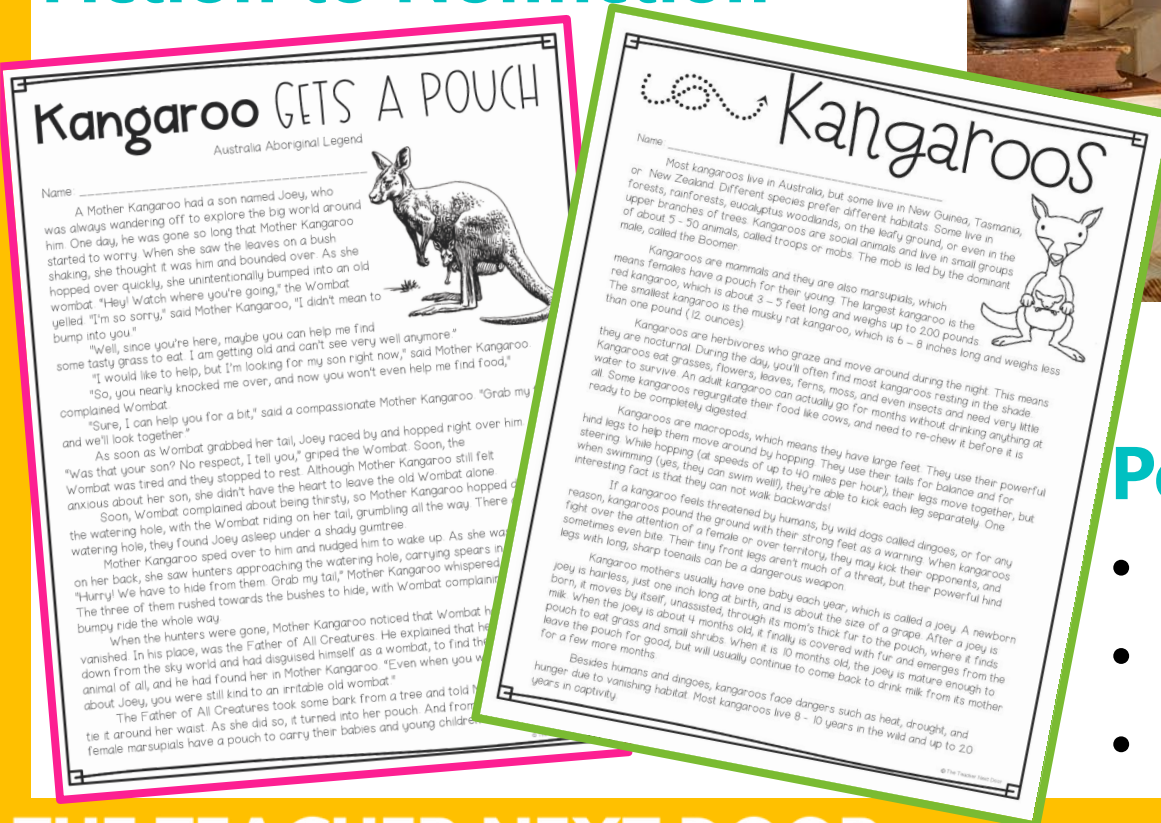
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8 PASSAGES: A TOTAL OF 4 PAIRED TEXTS!

Historical, Scientific,
Biographical, and Technical
Text

Comprehension Questions
for EACH Passage

Fiction to Nonfiction



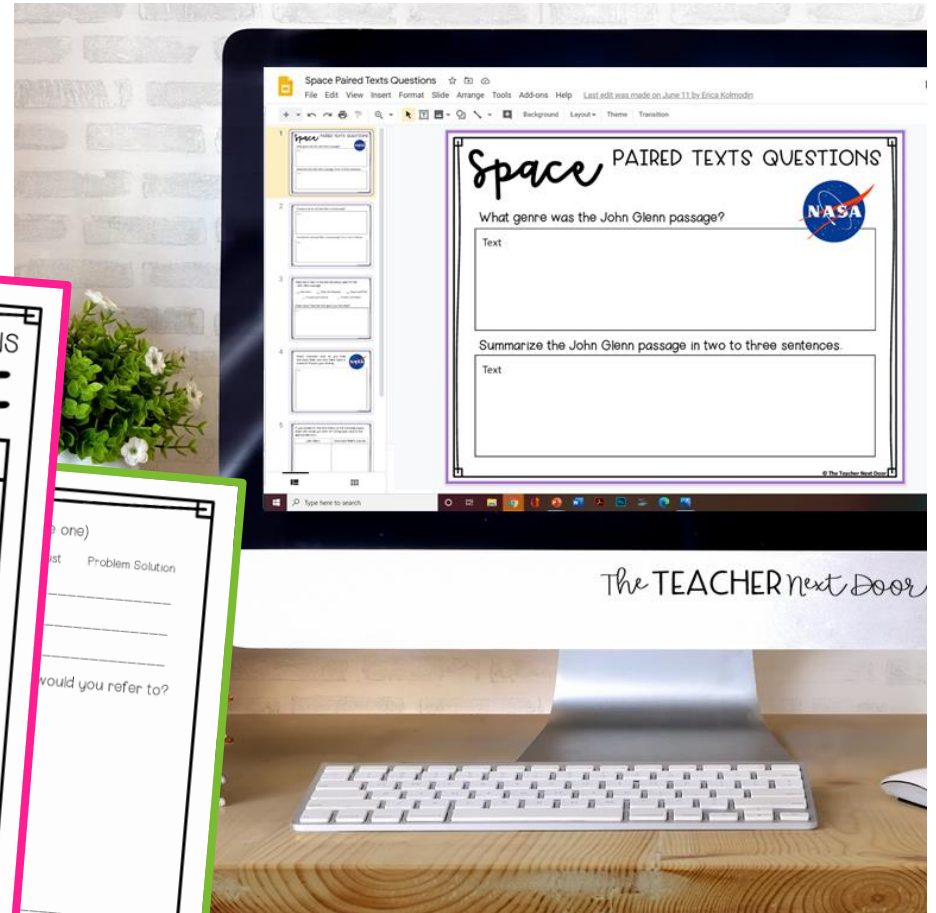
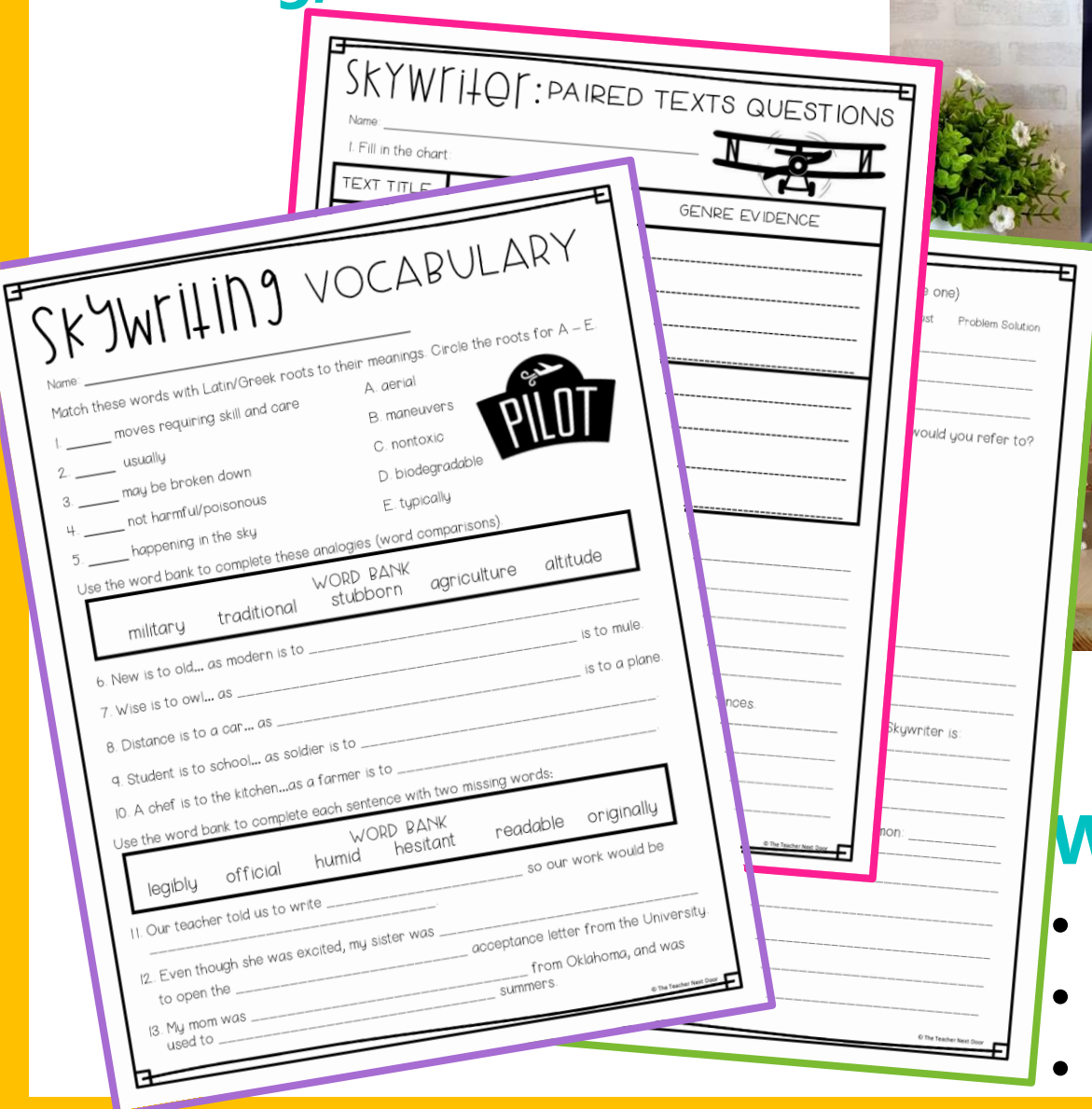
Perfect for:

- Guided Reading
- Independent Work
- Small groups/partners

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INCLUDES VOCABULARY AND QUESTIONS

Latin/Greek roots,
synonyms and antonyms,
matching, and more!



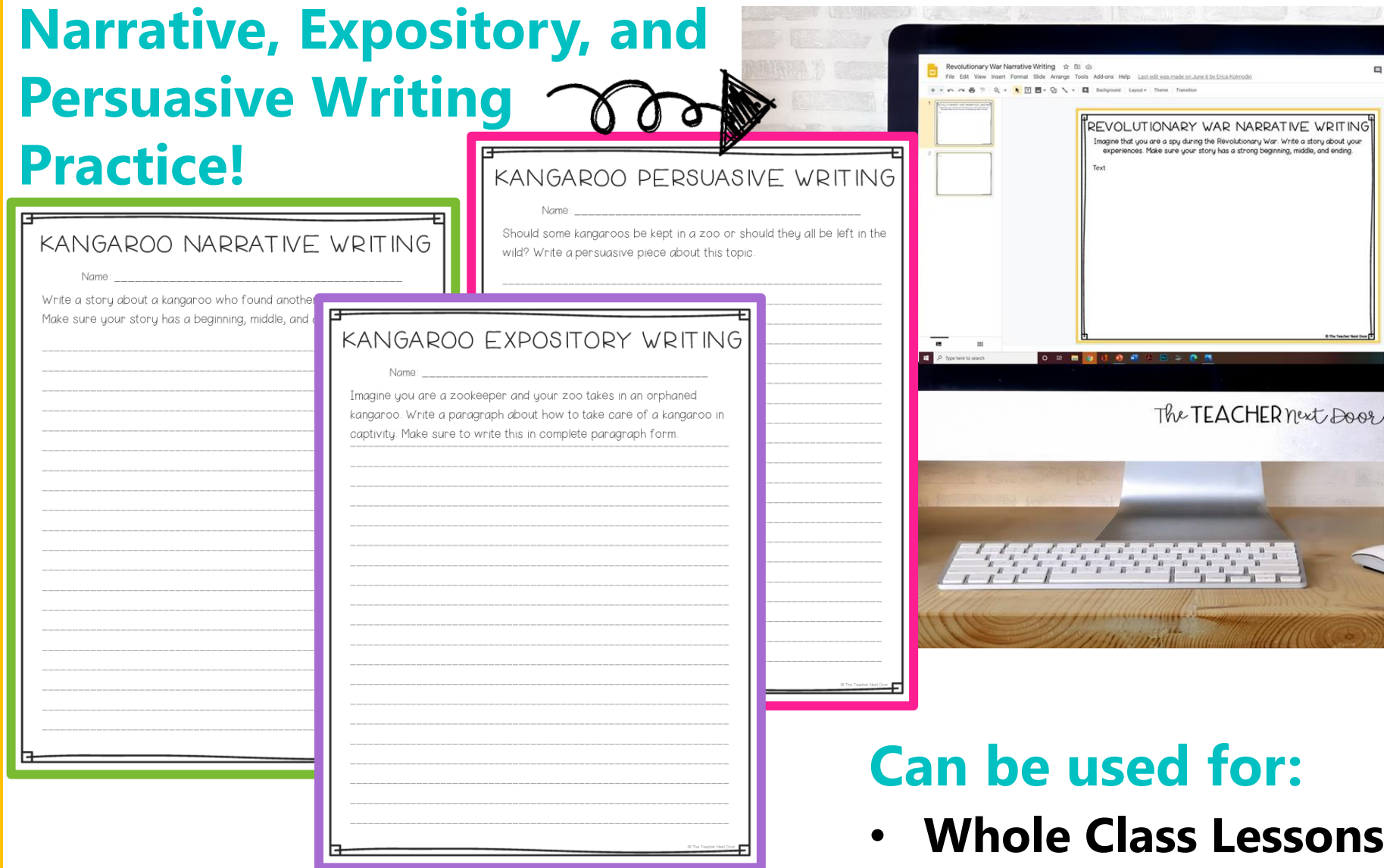
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3 WRITING PROMPTS FOR EACH SET

**Narrative, Expository, and
Persuasive Writing
Practice!**



**Incorporate writing into
your reading block**

Can be used for:

- **Whole Class Lessons**
- **Writing Centers**
- **Independent Work**

TEACHERS ARE SAYING THIS:

This resource has been super helpful for working with students to work with paired texts. Excellent product!
(Camia P.)

This resource really helped streamline my teaching and made it so much easier because the texts were prepared for this exact standard.
(Amanda G.)

The passages are very engaging and I love all of the questions that go with the passages! Great resource!
(Mindy B.)

This resource was great for my students. It made the learning process clear, it allowed my students to truly be successful! (Sarah M.)



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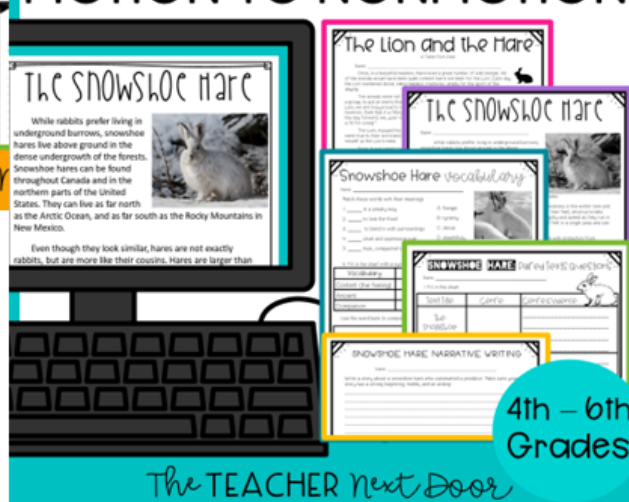
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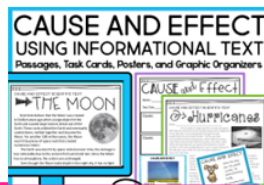
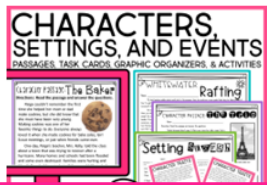
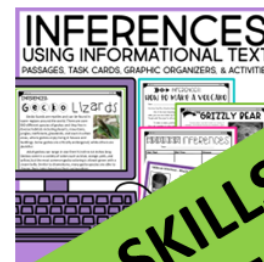
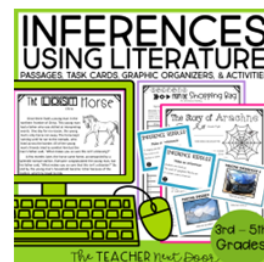
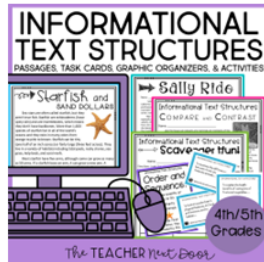
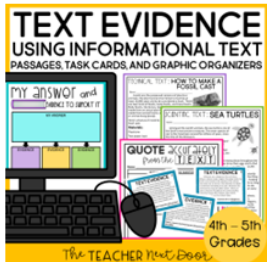
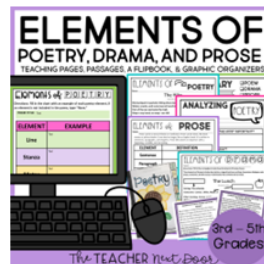
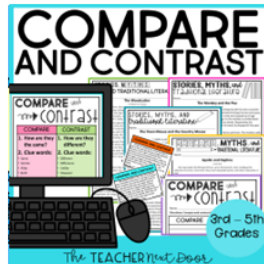
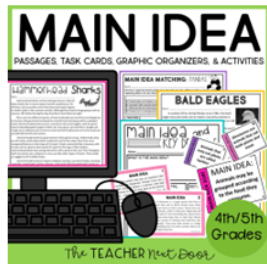
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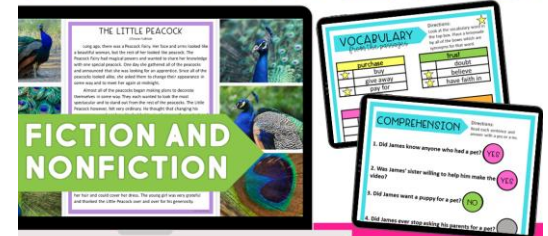
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10 ESSENTIAL SKILLS
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At **The Teacher Next Door, we know that you strive to be an effective reading teacher while maintaining a healthy work-life balance. In order to do that, you need resources that are impactful, yet simple. The problem is that most reading resources and curriculums out there are far from simple. The pages upon pages of daily lesson plans are just plain overwhelming. We believe teachers should be living their lives outside the classroom, and not spending hours lesson planning and searching for resources.**

Now, more than ever, teachers need space to be themselves which is why we create and support teachers with timesaving tips and standards-aligned resources.

We can't wait to help you get started.

A NOTE ABOUT OUR CEO AND FOUNDER: Jenn Larson is the creator and founder of The Teacher Next Door. With over 20 years of experience in the classroom and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction, Jenn specializes in creating resources for upper elementary students. Her goal is to support teachers by providing ready-to-use resources that target standards and help students grow in amazing ways.

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