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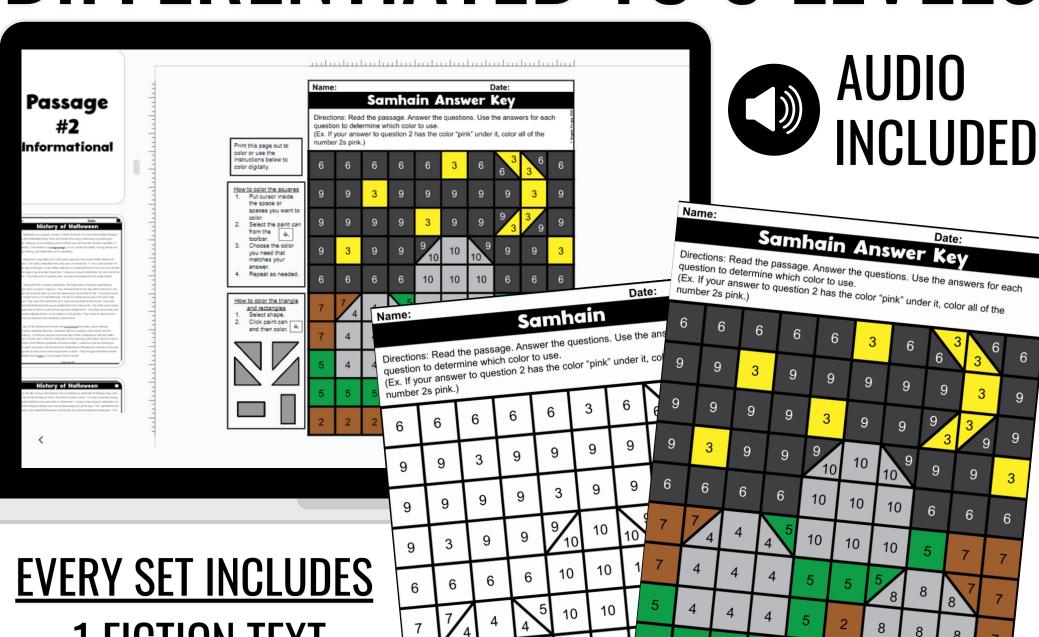
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Passage 1-fiction

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Samhain Writing Prompt

Compare and contrast the way Aengus feels about Samhain with the way his parents feel. Use details from the text to support your response.

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Passage 2-Nonfiction

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History of Halloween Writing Prompt Give three examples of how the holiday used to be celebrated and how it is different from the way you celebrate Halloween. Use specific details from the passage to support your response.

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Passage 3-Nonfiction

Halloween Around the World

Halloween started among the Celts over 2,000 years ago. Today it is one of the nost popular celebrations of the year. In North America, we celebrate by exchanging andy, decorating our homes, dressing up, and carving pumpkins. However, other countries differ in the ways they celebrate the holiday.

In Belgium, it is traditional for people to light candles in memory of dead relatives, on October 31. In the Czech Republic, chairs are arranged in front of each family's fireplace. There's one chair for each living relative and one chair for each deceased relative that is no longer with them. In Austria, people might leave out bread, water, and lit lamps before going to bed. This is their way of welcoming the previous owners' spirits back into the homes.

In China, the celebration is known as Teng Chieh. Similar to the Austrians, the Chinese place food and water in front of photographs of deceased family members. They then light bonfires and lanterns to direct and guide the spirits as they travel to the earth on Halloween. A popular practice among the Chinese Buddhists is to make paper boats that are then placed in the water and burned. This is done as a remembrance, or

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Halloween Around the World

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Day of the Dead is celebrated in Mexico each year from October 31 to November 2

Halloween Around the World Writing **Prompt**

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Compare and contrast one country's traditions to those of your own.

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