

CLOSE READING

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1st Read Questions

1. Which is NOT a detail from the passage?	Krewe members throw beads.	Sixteen men push a wagon.	Bands, gymnasts, drill teams, and dancers all perform in the parade.
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2nd Read Questions

6. No two Mardi Gras parades are alike. Which detail supports the statement above?	A king and queen are chosen for the parade.	There are many parades all over the city.	Each parade is designed and organized by a different krewe.
7. The prefix pre- in the word preceding helps you figure out that preceding means...	to follow	to go before	to be behind
8. Which type of text structure is this passage written in?	Problem and Solution	Compare and Contrast	Cause and Effect
9. What do you think was the author's purpose of writing this passage?	To entertain	To inform	To persuade
10. Which best states why a krewe is and its purpose?	A group of people who throw beads.	A group of people who push a wagon.	A group of people who perform in the parade.

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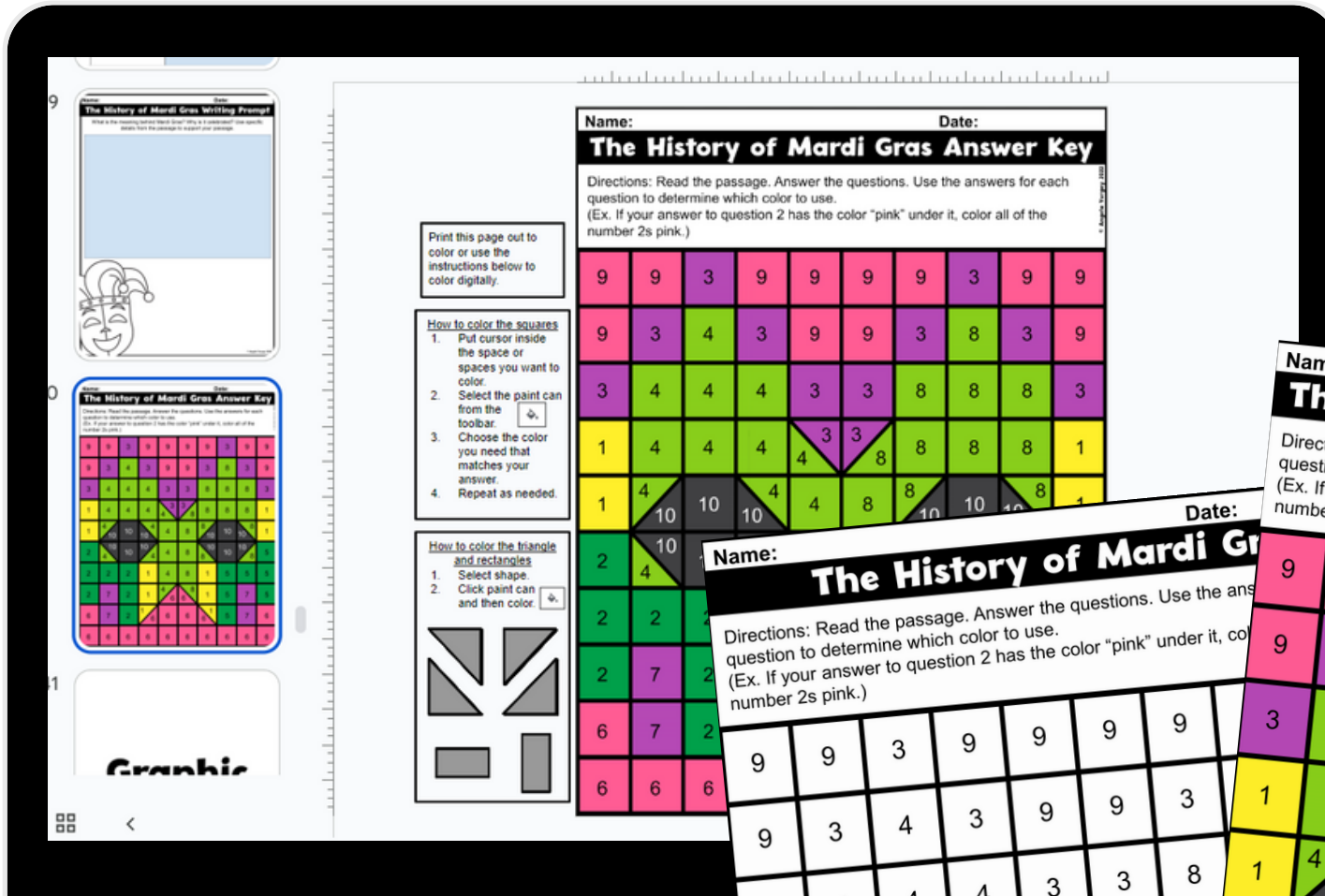
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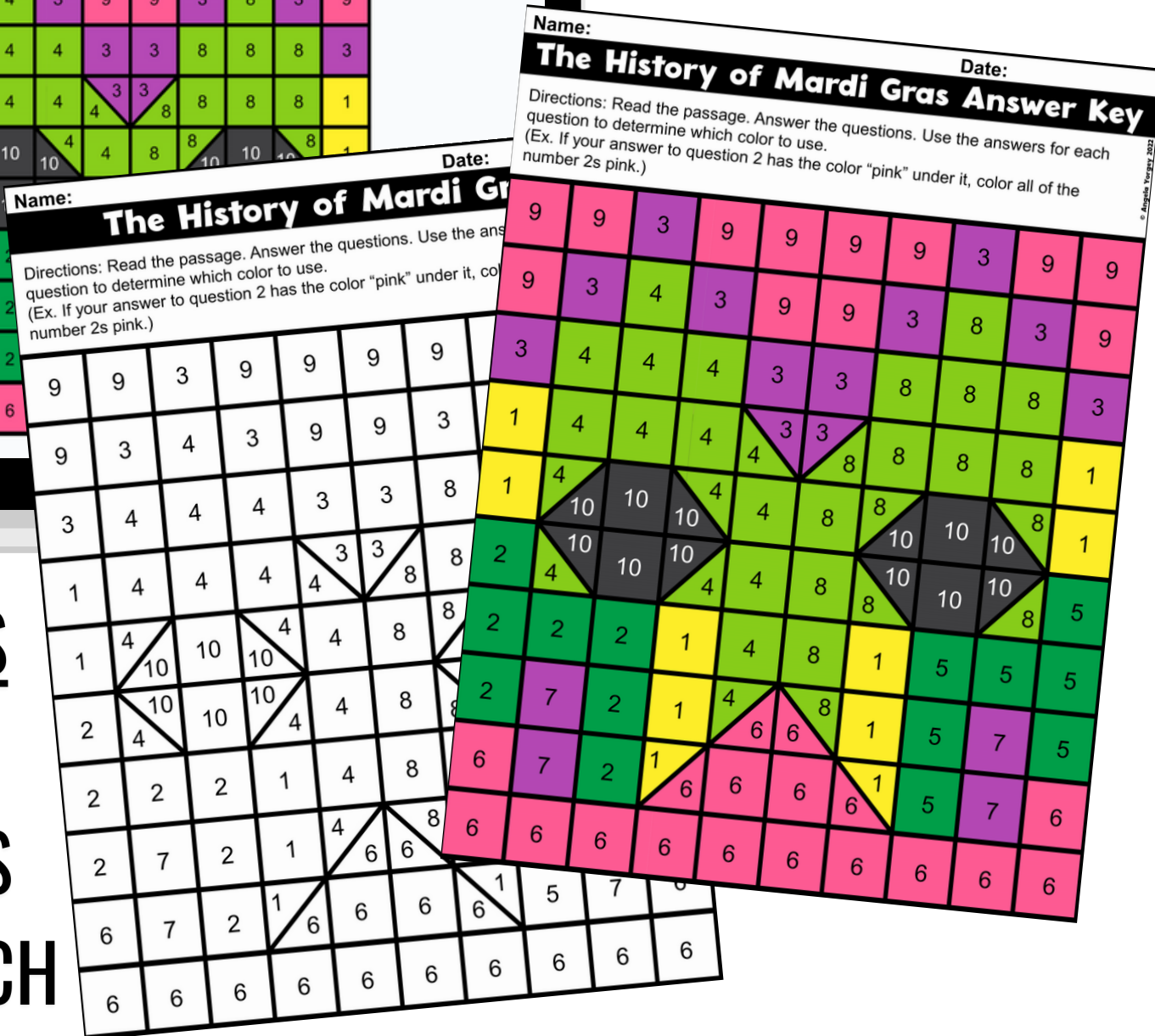
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The History of Mardi Gras

Directions: Read the passage. Then, answer the questions. When finished, use your answers here to help you color the mystery grid.

1st Read Questions

1	Read the following sentence from the passage. "It is a time to binge on food." Which is a synonym for the word binge ?	Diet	Devour	Nibble
2	As used in the passage, what is the meaning of the word integrated ?	PURPLE	YELLOW	PINK
3	Which of the following is a fact about Mardi Gras?	To leave and never return to	To spread apart	To combine two or more things to create something new

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years, the Mardi Gras parade has become a more decorated celebration parade. New Orleans holds the most splendid parades. Other areas have well. During the twelve days **preceding**, or before, Mardi Gras, there are **krewes** throughout the area. Each parade is organized by a group of people who decide on a theme, create and conduct the parade. A person cannot simply join a krewa. He or she must be invited to become a member. A krewa is a club for planning Mardi Gras events.

Main Idea & Supporting Detail

Main Idea

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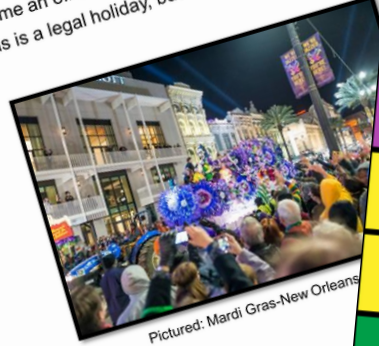
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- Text Pages:** Pages 18, 19, and 20 of an article titled "The Mardi Gras Parade".
- Navigation:** A grid of numbered buttons (1-20) to navigate between paragraphs.
- Mark It Up Toolbox:** Tools for highlighting, underlining, and adding question marks, exclamation points, or 'X' marks.
- Audio:** A play button to hear the text read aloud.
- Pro Tip:** A blue callout box stating: "Zoom to 100% if you are having trouble seeing the page. You can also close any extra toolbars and/or minimize the speaker notes."
- Mark it up! Legend:** A table explaining the symbols used in the text:

Symbol	Instruction
1, 2, 3	Number the paragraphs.
?	Put a question mark near anything you have a question about or find confusing.
!	Put an exclamation point near anything you find exciting or interesting.
X	Put an "X" near anything you don't understand.
underline	Underline key vocabulary & details.
circle	Circle any words you don't understand.
highlight	Highlight anything you think is important.

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 orations. These organizations are called krewes.
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