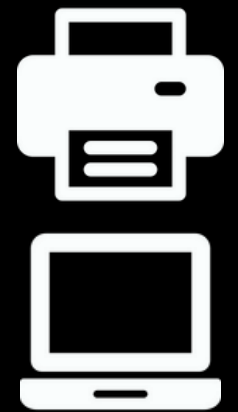# CLOSE READING
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The Case of the Movie Set Robbery

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1st Read Questions

		Edwina found out that there	Edwina remembered Marcos had	
1	Which of the follow...			The crew got back to filming.

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2nd Read Questions

		That they had no idea who	That it was clear who the real thief	That the police knew who did it but no one else had a
6	"It was about as clear as mud who the real thief was." What is the meaning of the simile above?			
7	At the end of the passage, the thief was **escorted** off of the set. Which best states a synonym for the word **escorted** as it is used in the passage?			
8	Which best states the confli... of the story?			
9	Which point of view is... passage told in?			

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Special Effects in Movies

Did you know that many of your favorite movies may have filmed actors in front of a large green screen? Special effects have **evolved**, or changed, over the years. This has helped to create more exciting movies, better shots, and to show complex movie themes and landscapes.

Green Screen

Have you ever wondered how Harry Potter flies on his broom in the movies? They filmed this part of the movie using a green screen. Why green? Most objects and people aren't green. That makes it easy to edit out the green parts after filming. The characters and their brooms are filmed moving around. They act like they're flying, but they're safely in the studio the whole time. Computers are then used to replace the green parts (in this case, the background) with other images. This way, it looks like Harry Potter is flying through the air.

The same technology can be used to film strange animals such as dragons. The actor works with a green pillow-like object. Then they replace the green parts with the object or creature. Then they replace those parts with the object or creature using computers.

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Special Effects in Movies

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1st Read Questions

	They use a green screen.	They use lighting techniques.	They use special makeup.
...t look like an ...he movies?	RED	BLACK	BLUE
			The sun is often the backlight which helps to light the background.
	The outside light isn't what they need or want for the scene.	Filmmakers use lighting to create the mood of a scene.	
...es NOT state a reason ...ers use special lighting techniques?	BLACK	BLUE	PURPLE
	To turn around a center point or line	To change or develop slowly into a better or more advanced state	The process of growing, like a seed into a flower
Which best states the meaning of the word **evolved** as it is used in the passage?	BLUE	BLACK	RED
	There are many ways that special effects are...	Green screens are one way in which filmmakers use special effects in movies.	Special effects help to make movies great and enjoyable.

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Main Idea & Supporting D...

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Passage 1-Fiction

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When Edwina arrived at her job as a light technician on Monday, there was a strange feeling on the set. Rather than the buzz of movement and excitement she usually encountered, the studio was quiet. People were huddled in groups, speaking in hushed voices, their eyes flitting around the room.

As a member of the **film** crew on a movie in which George Clooney was starring, Edwina was living her dream.

"Why is everyone acting so weird?" Edwina asked Zeke, her co-worker who was thumbing through messages on his phone.

"You wouldn't believe what happened over the weekend," Zeke said, looking up. "Clooney's trailer was robbed big time. They took costumes and signed posters. Conner even said someone took his extra underwear."

"What?" Edwina ...

...dering who could have been the thief. Most people assumed the robbery had been ...side job. After all, who else would have easy access to the set and know exactly ...to take? It was about as clear as mud who the real thief was.

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Soon, the police arrived to investigate. Edwina watched them make their roun... from her post, talking to nearly every member of the cast and crew. Suddenly, the... director called for the scene to begin, drawing Edwina back to her job...
responsibilities. She shifted her light as the actors mo... couldn't help but return to her preoc...

The Case of the Movie Set Robbery Writing Prompt

Name: _____

Explain how the author helps you to learn about the setting of this passage. What do you learn from the text and the illustrations? Use specific examples from the text to support your response.

The Case of the Movie Set Robbery

Name: _____ Date: _____

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	Which of the following events happened first?	Edwina found out that there was a robbery at ...	Edwina remembered Marcos had a key to Clooney's trailer.	The crew got back to filming.	

2	What is the **motive** as...				
3	Which bes...				
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The Case of the Movie Set Robbery

2nd Read Questions

6	"It was about as clear as mud who the real thief was." What is the meaning of the simile above?	That they had no idea who the thief was.	That it was clear who the real thief was.	
		RED	**WHITE**	
7	At the end of the passage, the thief was **escorted** off of the set. Which best states a synonym for the word **escorted** as it is used in the passage?	Refused	Guided	
		ORANGE	**WHITE**	
8	Which best states the conflict of the story?	The police escorted the robber off of the set.	There was robbery o... the set... where... Edwi... works...	
		LIGHT GREEN	**ORAN**	

Key Ideas and Details

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Passage 2-Nonfiction

Special Effects in Movies

the use of key light, fill light, and back light. The key light is the most powerful light. It is ...used to highlight the scene's main subject. The fill light is used to reduce shadows. The ...sun often serves as a backlight. This helps light up the background behind the actors so ...they appear 3D. Using lighting, filmmakers can create all kinds of moods, imitate the sun, ...and more!

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Computer Generated Imagery
Becoming more and more popular as technology advances, computer generated ...imagery_ is used to create all sorts of scenes. From planet landscapes to dragons, aliens, ...and more, computer generated _imagery_ is often used in combination with green screens. ...Pixar was one of the first **animation** studios to work with computer generated _imagery_ ...when Toy Story was created in 1995.

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The same technology can be used to film strange animals such as dragons. ...actor works with a green pillow-like object. Then, the green parts are digitally remov... ...and replaced with the desired object or creature.

Special Effects in Movies Writing Prompt

Compare and contrast two types of special effects from the passage. Use specific ...details from the passage to support your response.

Special Effects in Movies

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

1st Read Questions

		They use a green screen.	They use lighting techniques.	They use special makeup.
1	How do they make it look like an actor is flying in the movies?	RED	BLACK	BLUE
2	Which does... filmmaker... t...			
3	Which bes... of the word... in t...			
4	Which best... of t...			
	"...computer... used to crea...			
	Which w... almost th...			

2nd Read Questions

			A thin layer on or over the surface of something	The process, art, or business of making movies
6	"The same technology can be used to **film** strange animals such as dragons." Which is the best definition for the word **film** as it is used in the passage?		RED	BLACK
7	Which technique would likely be used on a cloudy day to make it look like the sun was setting?		Green Screen	Lighting Techniques
			PURPLE	BLACK
8	Which of the following statements would best fit in the subtopic "Green Screens"?		Weather people on T.V. use green screens to help them deliver the weather to their viewers.	Green screens are often used in commercials to help sell product to consumer...
			BLACK	BLUE
			Description	Cause... Effec...

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Passage 3-Nonfiction

Movies: The Early Years

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Movies: The Early Years Writing Prompt

Summarize what "slapstick comedy" is. Why and how was it used in early film to better entertain the audience? Use specific details from the passage to support your response.

Movies: The Early Years

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

1st Read Questions

		1895	1927	1952
1	In which year did the first film featuring sound come out?	GRAY	ORANGE	BLACK
2	Which bes... of the wor... th...			
3	Which bes... of t...			
4	Which bes... edited			
5	Which best... the word **c...**			

Movies: The Early Years
2nd Read Questions

6	Which would make the best new title for the section titled, "Silent Pictures"?	Jazz Films	First...
		ORANGE	
7	Which of the following text structures is this passage written in?	Problem & Solution	
		GRAY	
8	"Then they pieced them together in the desired order like a jigsaw puzzle." Which best states the type of figurative language used above?	Meta...	
		B...	
	What is the author's...	To entertain	To persuade

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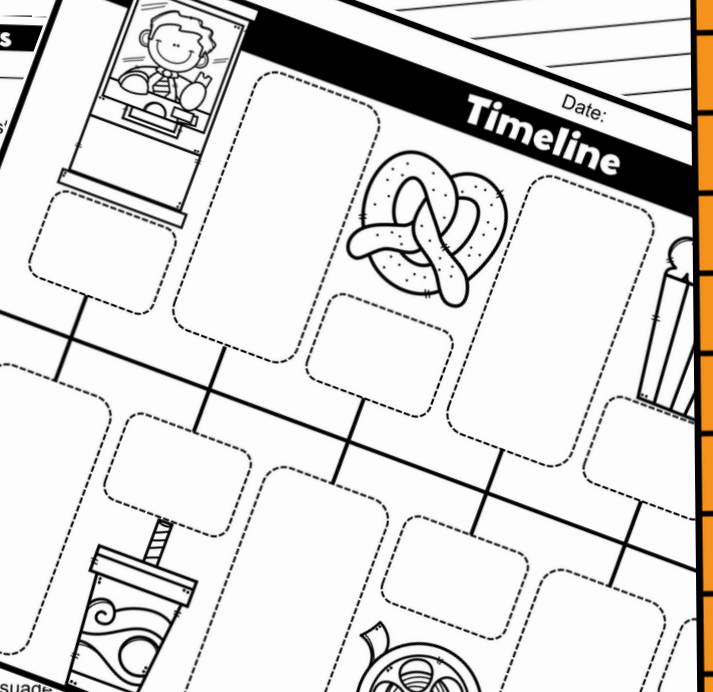## Movies: The Early Years Answer Key

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