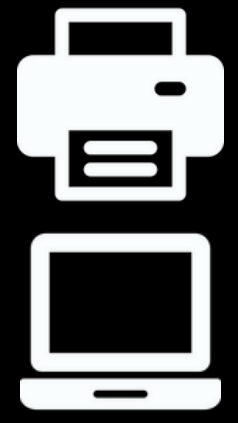


CLOSE READING

with Mystery Pictures



New Year's Day Around the World ■

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The Drop

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1st Read Questions

	"The ball continued to drop down the pole."	"We had been standing outside."

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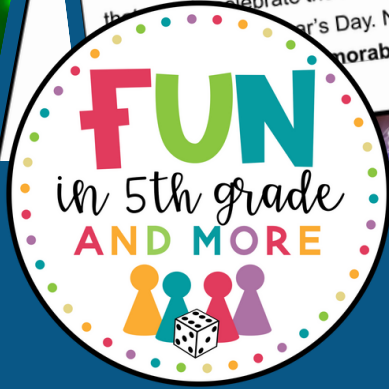
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6	What is the meaning of the simile below? "Confetti floated down from the sky like rain slowly falling to the earth."	The confetti felt like raindrops	The confetti looked like falling raindrops as	The confetti floated away before it hit the ground.
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NEW YEAR'S DAY

Digital & Print

DIFFERENTIATED TO 3 LEVELS

The digital interface displays a worksheet titled "The History of New Year's Day" with a grid for coloring. The grid contains numbers: 1, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 7. The first and last columns are yellow, and the middle three 4s are grey. Below the grid are instructions for coloring and a mystery picture of a clock.



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EVERY SET INCLUDES

1 FICTION TEXT

2 NONFICTION TEXTS

MYSTERY PIC FOR EACH

Passage 1-Fiction

Name: _____ Date: _____

The Drop

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"Two more minutes until the ball drops," he winked.

Two minutes! It's almost here. It's almost here! I thought.

We had been standing outside in Times Square for most of the evening, watching the live performances on the main stage. The excitement was growing, like electricity firing through the air. Shouts and cries of emotion rang through the night sky. When I looked up, the sky was dark and speckled with sparkling stars. My immediate surroundings were bright with flashing lights dancing across buildings and people. I could no longer tell if my goosebumps were from the cold or the excitement.



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The Drop Writing Prompt

Think about Jamie's experience in the story. Write a summary describing the sights and sounds she encountered throughout the story and how they impacted the experience. Use specific details to support your response.

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The Drop

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 sentence from the passage best states the setting?	"The ball was almost hidden by the large countdown screen."	"We had been standing outside in Times Square for most of the evening, watching the live performances"	"The ball continued to drop down the pole."
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The Drop

2nd Read Questions

2	Remember the Latin root <i>descendere</i> , which means "to go down." What is the meaning of the simile below?	The confetti felt like raindrops when it fell from the sky.	The confetti looked like falling raindrops as it fell to the ground.
3	As used in the passage, what is the meaning of the word <i>hoisted</i> ?	GREEN	LIGHT BLUE
4	In the passage, the lights were hoisted up so that I could get a better view. Which type of verb is <i>hoisted</i> ?	Danica hoisted the sofa up so that I could reach my phone that had fallen underneath.	Hasse hoisted the flag 20 feet in the air.
5	Which of these words is NOT an effect of the ball dropping?	GRAY	PURPLE
6	"Confetti floated down from the sky like rain slowly falling to the earth."	1st Person	2nd Person
7	Which sentence does not use the word <i>hoisted</i> in the same way as the sentence above?	PINK	GREEN
8	Which point of view is this passage told in?	The people celebrated and cheered.	The crowd was cheering and celebrating.

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Passage 2-Nonfiction

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1st Read Questions

1	Which is NOT a way in which New Year's Day is celebrated?	Firework displays at the stroke of midnight	Eating one grape at each strike of the clock	Filling your bathtub with cold water and jumping in
		DARK GREEN	GREEN	PURPLE

New Year's Day Around the World

2nd Read Questions

2	The suffix <u>memorable</u> that means "easy to remember."	In the passage, it states, "Radio programs, television shows, newspapers, and social media explode with stories, articles, and information about the previous year."	People love stories about the year.	They are proud of the fireworks.
		6	GREEN	
3	What is the <u>prosperity</u> that means "wealth and success"?	Which best states the reason this might be?	GREEN	
		7	LIGHT GREEN	
4	Which states the main idea?	"Another customary activity on New Year's Eve is the countdown."	It was customary for Vern and his family to give hugs when they saw each other.	
		8	LIGHT GREEN	
5	In which country do people celebrate the new year at midnight?	8	Describe the text structure of this passage.	
		9	DARK GREEN	PURPLE

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New Year's Day Around the World Writing Prompt

Choose one New Year's Day tradition from the passage. Compare and contrast how you celebrate it with those around the world. Use specific examples from the text to support your response.

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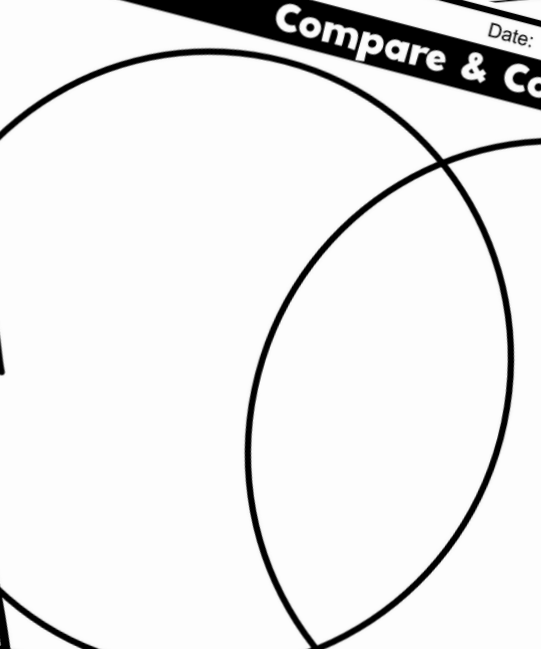


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Compare & Contrast



INCLUDES:

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The History of New Year's Day

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Since the beginning of the ages, people have been looking for ways to keep track of time. The ancient Egyptians invented the first time-telling device in about 1500 BC. It tracked shadows and sun movements. People recognized that the sun and moon were key in telling time. Each culture seemed to have its own calendar and ways of tracking time. Due to the inconsistencies, the first New Year's Day was not actually celebrated until January 1, 45 BC when the Julian calendar came into effect. Shortly after becoming Roman Emperor, Julius Caesar decided that he needed to reform the traditional Roman calendar. The old calendar followed the lunar cycle, but it frequently fell out of cycle when the seasons changed. Therefore, Julius Caesar saw the need to correct the old system. With the assistance of Sosigenes, an astronomer, they decided to move away from following the lunar cycle and follow the solar cycle, as the Egyptians did. Julius Caesar introduced the concept of 365 days and the idea that a day should be added to February every 4 years. He named a month after himself- July. His successor, Augustus, also named a month after himself- August.

The History of New Year's Day

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2nd Read Questions

Which idea is NOT supported by the details in the passage?	Miniature	Small	Gigantic
What is the best synonym for _____ as used in _____ following was _____ nce between the _____ rian calendar?	YELLOW	RED	WHITE
A year on the Gregorian calendar was about eleven minutes less than on the Julian Calendar.	WHITE	YELLOW	BLACK
New Year's Day is a time when everyone celebrates.	BLACK	GRAY	WHITE
Compare & Contrast	Chronological/ Sequence	Cause & Effect	WHITE
_____ is _____	RED	_____	_____

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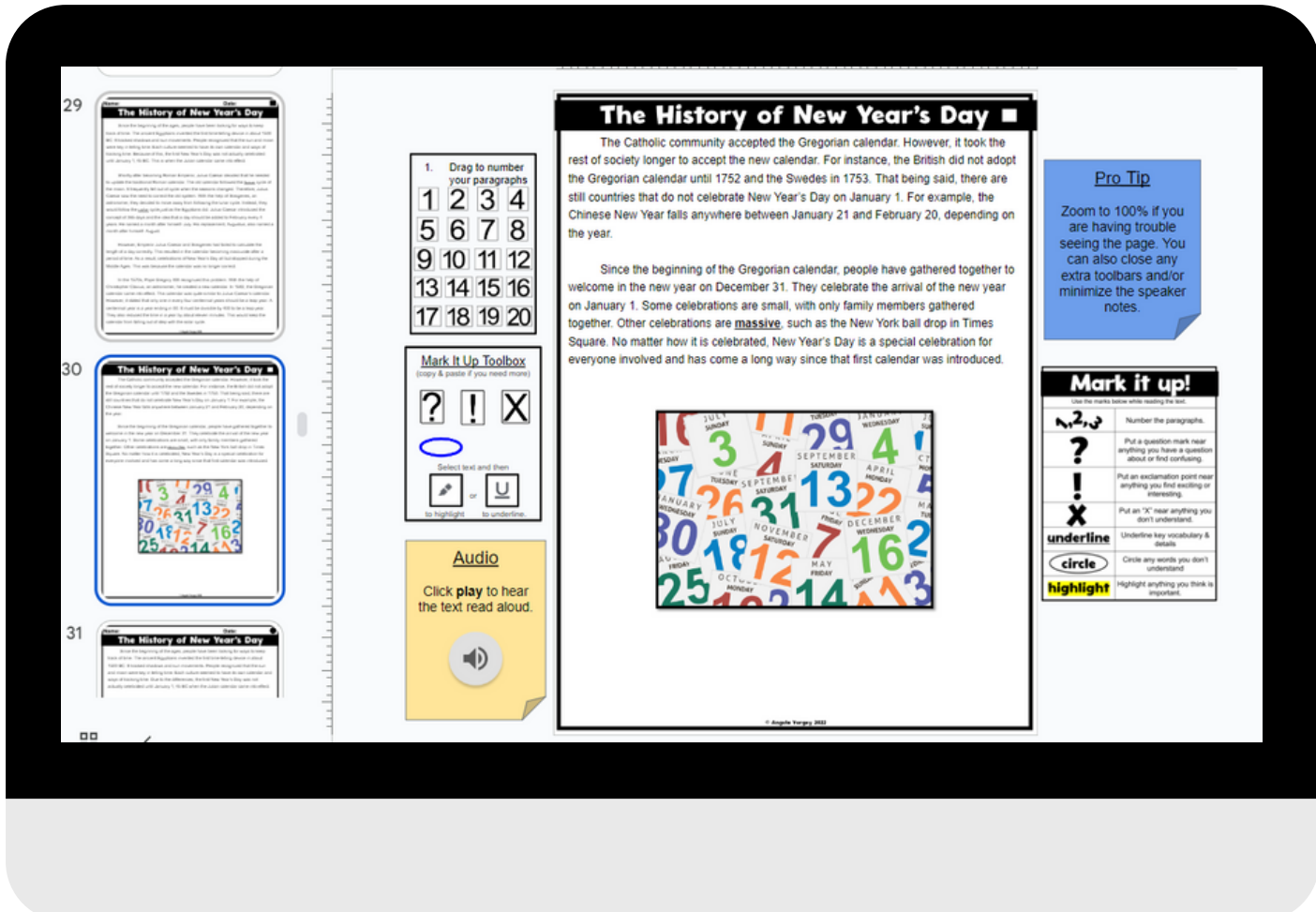
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