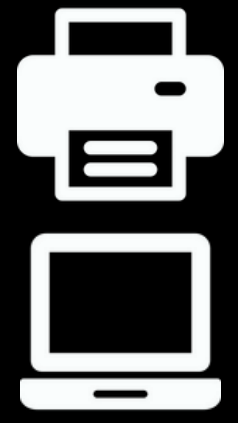


# CLOSE READING

## with Mystery Pictures



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6	Which type of text structure is this passage written in?	Cause and Effect	Description	Problem and Solution
7	As used in the passage, which word is the best antonym for the word <u>roam</u> ?	fitting	YELLOW	
8	In the passage it states, "Abraham Lincoln's children, Tad and Willie, were known for their love of animals."		YELLOW	
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# PETS





# Passage 1-Fiction

## Adventures of a Classroom Pet

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## Adventures of a Classroom Pet Writing Prompt

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What led Marshmallow to end up at Gina's house? What could Marshmallow have done differently to avoid getting a scolding? Use specific examples from the text to support your response.

## Adventures of a Classroom Pet

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 best describes how Marshmallow was feeling at the beginning of the story?	Excited	Scared	Sad
		RED	LIGHT BLUE	YELLOW

## Adventures of a Classroom Pet

### 2nd Read Questions

2	What did most of the class talk about during the assembly?	The classroom	Gina's house
		RED	BROWN
3	Which language feature is used in the passage to describe the sound of the hamster wheel?	In an expectant or interested manner	With some hesitation
		GREEN	YELLOW
4	Which color best describes the meaning of the word <u>covered</u> in the passage?	Easily	Quickly
		BROWN	LIGHT BLUE
5	Based on the passage, which type of figurative language is used in the passage?	Hyperbole	Metaphor
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## Key Ideas and Details

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# Passage 2-Nonfiction

**Cats vs. Dogs**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever heard someone say, "they fight like cats and dogs"? This phrase came from the fact that cats and dogs don't really get along. So, when two people fight like cats and dogs, it means there's some serious **feuding**, or arguing, going on.

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**1<sup>st</sup> Read Questions**

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		ORANGE	DARK	LIGHT

**Cats vs. Dogs Writing Prompt**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Compare and contrast cats and dogs. What are their major similarities and differences? Use specific examples from the text to support your response.

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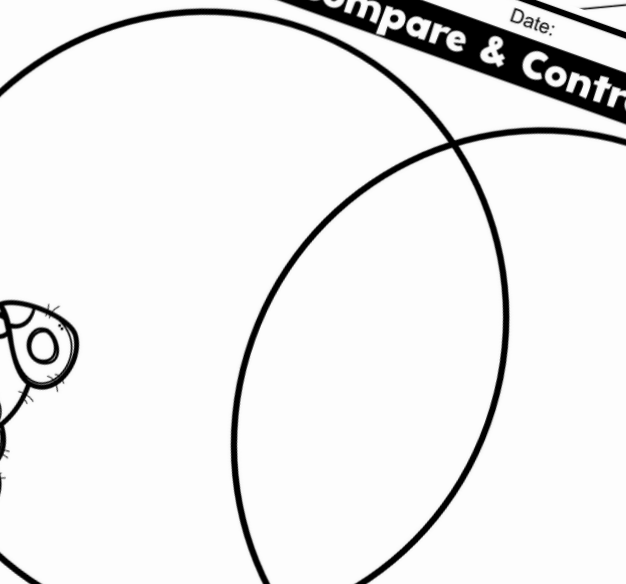

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Read Questions**

2	As used in the passage, what does "feuding" mean?	To persuade readers that dogs are better than cats	To inform readers about similarities and differences
		RED	
3	Read this sentence: "...they have worked well together." What does "well" mean in this context?	antisocial	friendly
		BLACK	
4	According to the passage, why do cats tend to hunt on their own?	Problem Solving	Comparison
5	What state is the main idea of the passage?	To be constantly arguing with	Cats and dogs really

**Compare & Contrast**

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**The Strangest Pets**

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Another unusual pet was the raccoon owned by President Calvin Coolidge, who served for Thanksgiving. The raccoon was given as a gift that was meant to be cooked and served for Thanksgiving. The president became fond of the raccoon, named Rebecca, and kept her as a pet. It's said that he walked the raccoon on a leash!

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**Pets of the White House Writing Prompt**

Have all pets at the White House been common pets, or have they been more exotic? Give 3 pieces of evidence from the reading that support your conclusion.

**Pets of the White House Answer Key**

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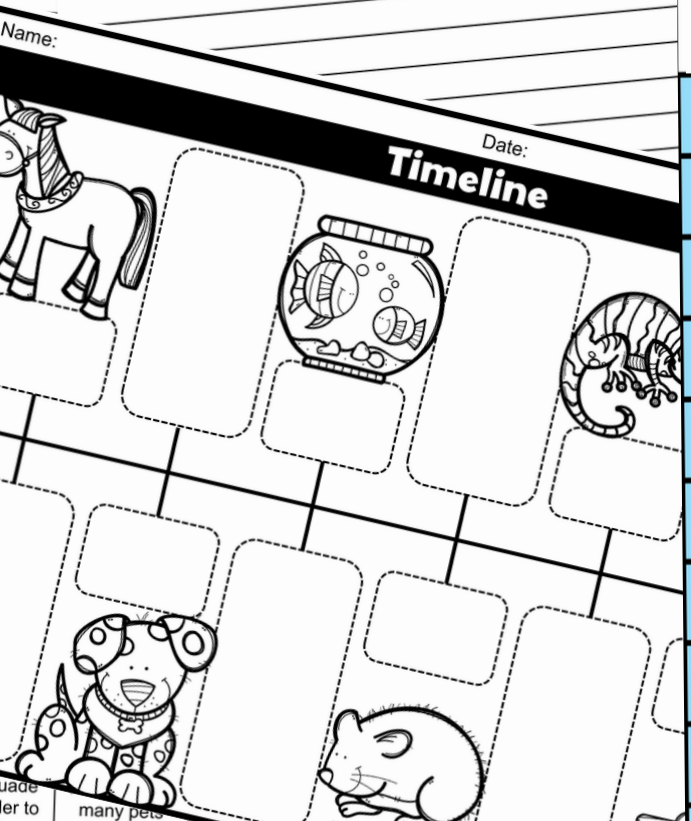
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6	Which type of text structure is this passage written in?	BROWN
3	Why did the author use the word "roam"?	Stay
		ORANGE
4	Which pet NOT have the author mentioned?	They had goats that enjoyed playing around the White House grounds.
8	Which detail best supports this statement?	LIGHT
5	Which is the best word to use in the passage?	To inform the reader about how the White House was run.
		To persuade the reader to adopt a pet.
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**Timeline**

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