

# CLOSE READING

## with Mystery Pictures



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# SUPERHERO

# Digital & Print

## DIFFERENTIATED TO 3 LEVELS

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**How to color the squares**

- Put cursor inside the space or spaces you want to color.
- Select the paint can from the toolbar.
- Choose the color you need that matches your answer.
- Repeat as needed.

**How to color the triangle and rectangles**

- Select shape.
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**AUDIO INCLUDED**

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**EVERY SET INCLUDES**  
**1 FICTION TEXT**  
**2 NONFICTION TEXTS**  
**MYSTERY PIC FOR EACH**



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		RED	BLACK
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		LIGHT BLUE	YELLOW
4	Which sentence uses the word <b>reflect</b> to have the same meaning as it is used in the passage?	Take some time to reflect about what you have done.	Her books clearly reflect her beliefs.
		BLACK	PEACH
5	Which best describes the way in which the character of Lois Lane changed over the years?	Chronological (Sequence)	Cause and Effect
		RED	BLACK

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**Key Ideas and Details**

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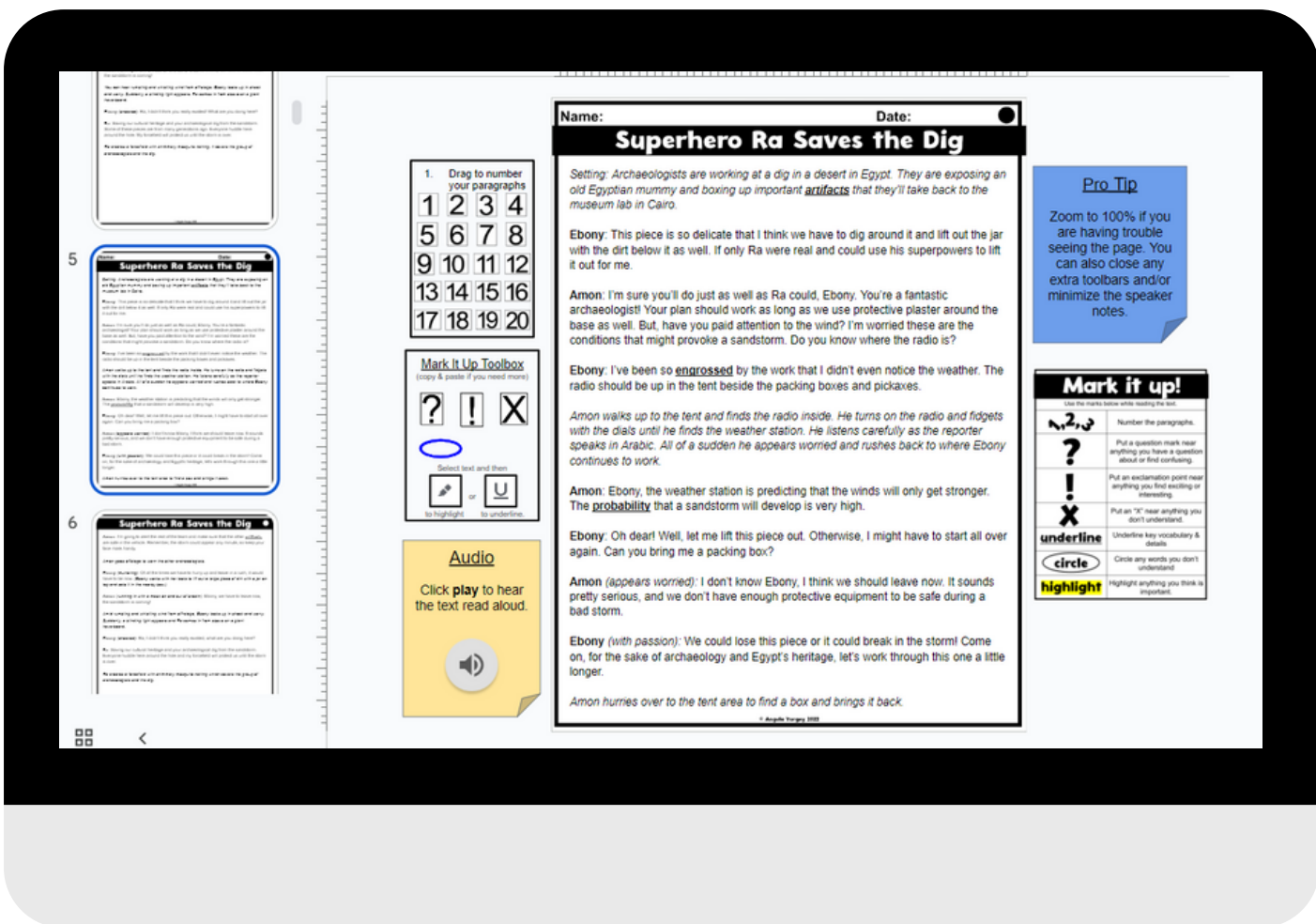






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**Superhero Ra Saves the Dig**

... could lose this piece or it could break in the storm! Come on, my and Egypt's heritage, we need to work a bit longer.

... the tent area to find a box and brings it back.

... alert the rest of the team. We can make sure that the other archaeologists.

... ple. The storm could appear any minute, so keep your fingers crossed to warn the other archaeologists.

... (ing): Of all the times we have to hurry up and leave in a hurry. (Ebony works with her tools to lift out a large piece of the tent in the nearby box)

... nning in with a mask on and out of breath): Ebony, watch out! The storm is coming!

... n hear rumbling and whistling wind from off-stage. Suddenly, a blinding light appears. Ra comes in from the back of the stage.

... (shocked): Ra, I didn't think you really existed. Your archaeologists are amazing!

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