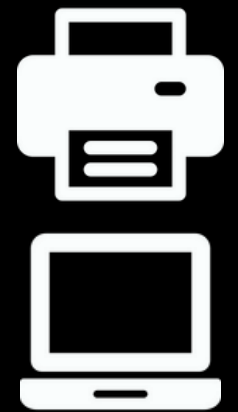


# CLOSE READING

## with Mystery Pictures



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

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### Thanksgiving Day Parade

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

1	In which year was the very first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade held?	1927	1920	1924
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**Thanksgiving Day Parade**

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

6	Which would make the best new title for this passage?	The Many Floats of the Thanksgiving	Thanksgiving Parades and Where to Find Them	All About the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade	Dunkin' Donuts Thanksgiving Parade
7	Which word is the best antonym for the word <b>publicized</b> as used in the passage?				
8	Which type of text structure this passage written in?				
9	What do you think was the author's purpose for writing the passage?				
10	"The debut of the helium balloon float came in _____ with Felix the Cat."				

**Thanksgiving Day Parade Answer Key**

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# THANKSGIVING

# Digital & Print

## DIFFERENTIATED TO 3 LEVELS

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

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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.
- Click paint can and then color.



### AUDIO INCLUDED

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

# Passage 1-Fiction

## Family Traditions

### The Ramirez Family

"Hut!" The football flies through the air, and Mrs. Ramirez catches it before printing down the field. She throws it to her nephew, David. He is wide open on the left side of the field and makes a touchdown. It's the annual Ramirez Thanksgiving football game: a day where the whole family runs around the local park playing tag football.

After a long morning of playing football, the family shares a Thanksgiving dinner together. The meal is always a mix of American and Guatemalan traditions. For instance, they don't just have Thanksgiving turkey and stuffing. Mrs. Ramirez always serves refried beans and pico de gallo, a special tomato salad, along with it. Then, the family enjoys desserts such as conserva, or fruit cooked in sugar water, and of course, pumpkin pie.

Another important tradition the family has is to each say something they're grateful for before they eat. From family pets to a warm house, to family, toys, and more, everyone in the family shares the many things they are thankful for. This tradition helps everyone in the family remember to be grateful.

Later in the afternoon, there's more football as the family watches the game. Usually, the Ramirez uncles make a special **batch** of nachos to enjoy for supper. Everyone continues watching football, chatting, and enjoying themselves well into the evening. Finally, at around 9 pm or so, people start to return home. Thanksgiving is a long day, but also a happy and fun day for the Ramirez family.



## Family Traditions

### The Johnson Family

Every year, the Johnson family celebrates Thanksgiving in a very unique way. Before Thanksgiving, they spend the whole day baking pumpkin pies. They bake up to twenty **fragrant**, spicy, sweet pumpkin pies that are perfectly brown and delicious. However, they don't bake them because they want to eat a lot of pie. They bake them to take to the local soup kitchen for a special Thanksgiving dinner dessert.

Thanksgiving Day, instead of staying at home, the Johnsons like to give back to those who are fortunate in their lives, and they enjoy helping others. So, they head to a local soup kitchen to serve Thanksgiving dinner to those who are hungry. It is a very rewarding experience to serve food to the people of their city that are in need. They get to meet all kinds of different people.

## Family Traditions Writing Prompt

Write a narrative about how you spend Thanksgiving with your family. Be sure to discuss the traditions that make it special for you. If you do not celebrate Thanksgiving, choose another holiday you do celebrate and write about that.

## Family Traditions

### The Johnson Family

Every year, the Johnson family celebrates Thanksgiving in a very unique way. The day before Thanksgiving, they spend the whole day baking pumpkin pies. They often bake up to twenty **fragrant**, spicy, sweet pumpkin pies that are perfectly brown and delicious. However, they don't bake them because they want to eat a lot of pumpkin pie. They bake them to take to the local soup kitchen for a special Thanksgiving dinner dessert.

On Thanksgiving Day, instead of staying at home, the Johnsons like to give back to those who are fortunate in their lives. They really enjoy helping others. So, they head to a local soup kitchen to serve Thanksgiving dinner to those who are hungry. It is a very rewarding experience to serve food to the people of their city that are in need. They get to meet all kinds of different people.

The kitchen is always warm and full of laughter. The dining hall is also always full of hungry people who really enjoy the delicious, extra-special meal. Usually, on the day before Thanksgiving, the soup kitchen prepares a complete Thanksgiving feast. They serve turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, and vegetables. To end the meal, they serve up the tasty pumpkin pies the Johnsons had baked the day before, along with vanilla ice cream.

After spending most of the afternoon at the soup kitchen, the Johnsons hit the road together to head home and watch movies while eating popcorn and other snacks. Finally, in the evening, they have hot chocolate and light a fire in the living room fireplace. Then, they take turns talking about their favorite parts of the year so far.



## Family Traditions

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 character trait best describes the Ramirez family?	Generous	Angry	Grateful
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### Family Traditions

#### 2nd Read Questions

2	Which best describes the meaning of the word <b>batch</b> as used in the passage?	To do a whole bunch of the same thing together	An amount of something that is made at one time
3	Which best describes the meaning of the word <b>fragrant</b> as used in the passage?	They needed the pies to serve the hungry people at the soup kitchen.	They were having a family reunion and there were many people coming.
4	Which type of language is used in the passage?	BROWN	YELLOW
5	Which point of view is this passage told in?	1st person	2nd person
6	Which best states the cause of the Johnson family baking so many pies?	BROWN	YELLOW
7	Which is one tradition both families have in common?	They eat a feast together.	They talk about their favorite parts of the year so far.
8	Which event happened first?	LIGHT GREEN	GREEN

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

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

## Story Map

Characters

Title

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

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

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# Passage 3-Nonfiction

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

## Thanksgiving Day Parade

Every year, over 50 million people turn on their TVs to watch what is reported to be the largest parade in the world: Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. Every year on Thanksgiving since 1924, the Macy's Parade has been an exciting event. In recent years, changes have been made to the parade due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It has only ever been suspended during WWII.

**Initially,** Macy's Parade was called Macy's Christmas Parade. It has always been held on Thanksgiving Day though. Since then, its name has been changed to Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Both holidays are in the parade. Santa Claus is always featured on the last float to start the Christmas season.

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

## Thanksgiving Day Parade Writing Prompt

Do you think the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade would be a fun experience to have? Write a persuasive essay convincing someone why they should or should not attend the parade. Be sure to support your response using details from the passage.

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## Thanksgiving Day Parade

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	In which year was the very first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade held?	1927	1920	1924
2	What was the original name of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade?	America's Thanksgiving Parade	Macy's Christmas Parade	Dunkin' Donuts

**2nd Read Questions**

3	6	Which would make the best new title for this passage?	The Many Floats of the Thanksgiving Day Parade	Thanksgiving Parades and Where to Find Them	All About Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
4	7	Which word is the best antonym for the word <b>publicized</b> as used in the passage?	BLACK	LIGHT BLUE	RE
5	8	Which type of text structure is this passage written in?	DARK BROWN	YELLOW	To inform out public an
	9	What do you think was the author's purpose for writing the passage?	ORANGE	LIGHT BROWN	To inform
			BLACK	YELLOW	To persuade

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## Main Idea & Supporting Detail

**Main Idea**

**Supporting Detail**

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# Holiday Fun + Engaging ELA Review

HIGH-INTEREST TEXTS + MYSTERY PICTURES IS THE WINNING COMBO FOR STUDENT ENGAGEMENT.

The screenshot shows a digital reading platform with the following elements:

- Navigation:** A grid of 20 numbered buttons (1-20) for navigating between paragraphs.
- Mark It Up Toolbox:** Tools for highlighting, underlining, and adding question marks or exclamation points.
- Audio:** A play button to hear the text read aloud.
- Text Content:** A passage titled "American vs. Canadian Thanksgiving" with an image of a turkey. The text discusses traditions in both countries, such as watching football and preparing turkey meals.
- 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:
 

	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.
	Put an "X" near anything you don't understand.
	Underline key vocabulary & details.
	Circle any words you don't understand.
	Highlight anything you think is important.

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"THE DIFFERENTIATION OF THESE PASSAGES WAS AMAZING!! ALL OF MY STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO SUCCEED. I LOVE ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDED. TRULY AN AMAZING RESOURCE!"



Both Canada and the United States keep thankfulness at the center of their celebrations. Families and friends gather together for meals and reflect on all of their blessings. Both nations prepare meals of turkey, stuffing, and pumpkin pies. Americans and Canadians alike enjoy watching football on Thanksgiving. They both also use decorations such as cornucopias, pumpkins, corn, wheat sheaves, and other harvest items. In addition, both have parades with floats and shows to celebrate the day.