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Got ready to identify story elements with this digital and printable set of 32 multiple choice story elements task cards (with recording two record sheet options and an answer key). They can help your students improve their identification of common story elements. Story elements covered are: Character Setting Problem Solution Theme What's included in this Story Elements Task Card resource? 32 printable multiple choice Story Elements task cards 4 bonus cards (at the end of the pack) that challenge students to write their own short paragraphs that describe one of the above story elements A printable student recording page An answer key A DIGITAL, Google Forms version, perfect for Google classroom, virtual learning, and paperless practice. Only logged in customers who have purchased this product may leave a review. Story elements are taught beginning as early as kindergarten, but it always seems like I need to spend a little time reviewing them with my 4th and 5th graders each year. If you find yourself in the same situation and want a rigorous, engaging, and grade-level way to review basic story elements, I have a free resource to share with you that is perfect for the first weeks of school. Reasons to Start Instruction with Basic Story Elements Basic story elements are taught as early as kindergarten, but I still spend the first week reviewing them with 4th and 5th graders. Here's why: It allows me to pre-assess my students and see where they are with their ability to identify and describe story elements with more complex texts. I use texts that are approaching grade-level but this will vary by student. Beginning with an "easier" review reading skill, allows me to focus on teaching my students expectations and procedures for our reading time (and expectations for their written responses). It's a great way to ease students (and myself) into reading instruction and more complex skills. About the Free Story Elements Resource Here is what is included in this story elements resource: Posters Graphic Organizer Story Elements Practice with Passages (Two Sets of Practice Passages) Small Group Activities Digital Versions Let's take a look at each resource and how it can be used. Story Elements Posters The posters can be displayed while you are reviewing story elements. They can also be used to enhance your anchor charts (or use the content from the posters to help you create your anchor charts). The black and white posters can be printed at a reduced size for interactive notebooks or reading journals. For each story element, there are two posters: one that defines the story element and one that gives more details about how to describe the story element or examples of the story element. Graphic Organizers There are two simple graphic organizers included that can be used with any read aloud, passage (like the ones included in this free resource), or independent reading book. They could even be used as a collaborative activity. Here's how: Group your students in groups of 4 students each. Assign a passage and a graphic organizer to the group. Have the students read the passage together and discuss. Each student will write details about their assigned story element on a sticky note. The sticky notes can then be placed on the graphic organizer. If you assigned each group a different passage, they could even use the graphic organizer to "present" or share their stories with other groups. Story Elements Passages There are two sets of passages included: Passage Set 1: This set includes four passages for identifying and describing story elements. Each passage includes questions that relate to the focus story element skill. The skills included in these passages are: Characters (including character traits and feelings) Setting (including the impact of the setting on the plot and characters) Plot - Problem & Solution Plot - Sequence of Events (Beginning, Middle, and End) Passage Set 2: This set includes four passages. Each passage includes basic questions that ask students to describe the basic story elements (characters, setting, plot, and problem and solution) of the story. The passages in this set are good to use to review all of the story elements at once and then for after reviewing each story element as a culminating practice. These allow the students to identify and describe all of the story elements within a story. Small Group Activities Story Elements Activity #1 This activity is a low-risk, interactive way to review story elements and to practice identifying them. To complete the activity, the students read excerpts of stories. They determine which story element each excerpt is describing, and sort it to the correct heading. Story Elements Activity #2 This activity helps students practice describing the story elements. To complete the activity, the students read excerpts about given story elements. They highlight or underline the most important details about that story element and then summarize those details. Story Elements Activity #3 This activity is a set of 12 task cards to practice a variety of story elements skills. For task cards #1-#4, students will read a text and determine which story element is being described. These are multiple choice. For task cards #5-#8, students will read a text and then determine which statement from four is true about a specific story element. These are multiple choice. For task cards #9-#12, students will read a text and answer an open-ended story elements question. These are perfect for reading centers and even small group instruction. Digital Story Elements Activities All of the resources are also included in a digital version for Google Slides (with a Google Forms version of #1-8 task cards). You can assign the digital versions as independent or a reading center or station. You could also use the digital activities for your whole group instruction by projecting the slides for students to see. Get Free Story Elements Resource Here To get the free story elements reading resource sent straight to your inbox, click the button below and enter your email in the form that pops up. Using a personal email address is better for deliverability reasons. Want MORE Reading Resources? Use these multiple choice task cards to review story elements with your students. They come in both a print and a digital option for Google Forms. Great to use as a review for ELA test prep. Reviews these story elements: problem, solution, main idea, character, setting and theme What is included: 20 multiple choice task cards Answer key and recording sheet Google Form self-grading quiz. The form can be assigned through Google Classroom. This resource is included in The Stellar Literacy Collective. Click here to learn more. Story elements are such an important concept to teach students when they are learning how to comprehend and enjoy fictional texts... but our instruction should go beyond just identifying what each story element is. These story element task cards will help your students identify, connect, and explain the impact of each story element on the story. They are fun and engaging and students will enjoy reading the short stories. Each short story elements passage is written in such a way that students should be able to identify, connect and explain the impact of the story elements (characters, setting, problem, solution, theme). Be sure to check out the preview to see pictures and learn more about what is included in this resource. What's Included? This resource includes 20 reading task cards. Each task card contains a short reading passage (half a page) and includes a variety of printing options so you can find the exact format that will work for your students' needs. Option 1: Just the Text You can print the task cards with just the text. This is a great option if you want to use these reading passages to teach something other than story elements or if you plan on using them in a traditional task card way. There are all three different student response sheets included that you can pair with the task cards. There is also a digital version included created Google Slides. Option 2: Text & Graphic Organizer This option needs to be printed front and back. One one side students have the reading passage (same as option 1), and on the back there is a graphic organizer to help them think about the story elements and how they connect to each other. This is a great option to help students organize their thinking about the text and to learn strategies that will help them understand the impact each story element has on the story. There is also a digital version included created Google Slides Option 3: Text & Reading Response Questions This option needs to be printed front and back. One side students have the reading passage (same as option 1), and on the other side there is a set of text-based comprehension questions and a space for a sticky note so they can "stop-and-jot" while they read the text. There is also a digital version included created Google Slides *Each option also includes a digital version created using Google Slides so you can use this resource no matter what your teaching situation looks like. How Can I Use This Resource? There are TONS of ways you can use this resource in your classroom. Print the task cards on cardstock and use them in a literacy center to help your students identify and connect story elements. Use the task card passages as part of your strategy group or small group instruction. They are short and focused and are the perfect small group teaching tool. Make a copy of 1-2 of the task cards and give to students are part of your warm-up, morning work, or homework. Use as a quick assessment at the end of your lesson or unit on story elements. Use for ANY READING COMPREHENSION instruction - while these task cards are perfect for teaching figurative language, you can also use them to teach a variety of comprehension skills. Copyright © The Stellar Teacher Co. LLC www.stellarteacher.com Permission to copy for single classroom use only. Please purchase additional licenses if you intend to share this product. Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events. Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions). 0 ratings0% found this document useful (0 votes)18 viewsThe document focuses on various story elements, specifically character, setting, and plot. It provides prompts for describing characters and settings, as well as identifying problems and res... SaveSave story-elements - task cards For Later0%0% found this document useful, undefined0 ratings0% found this document useful (0 votes)18 viewsThe document focuses on various story elements, specifically character, setting, and plot. It provides prompts for describing characters and settings, as well as identifying problems and res... Report this resource to let us know if it violates our terms and conditions. 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