



BATS!

Differentiated CLOSE Reading

2nd-3rd
Grade

Includes one reading passage, written at two levels, in addition to two pages of Common Core aligned text dependent activities.

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What is in here?

This product includes two *differentiated* versions of the same passage. Version A is written at a Lexile Level of 410 and it is 178 words long (below 2nd and 3rd grade Common Core reading level range). Version B is written at a Lexile Level of 680 and is 372 words long (meeting 2nd and 3rd grade Common Core reading level range). You can choose the level you feel is most appropriate for your students.

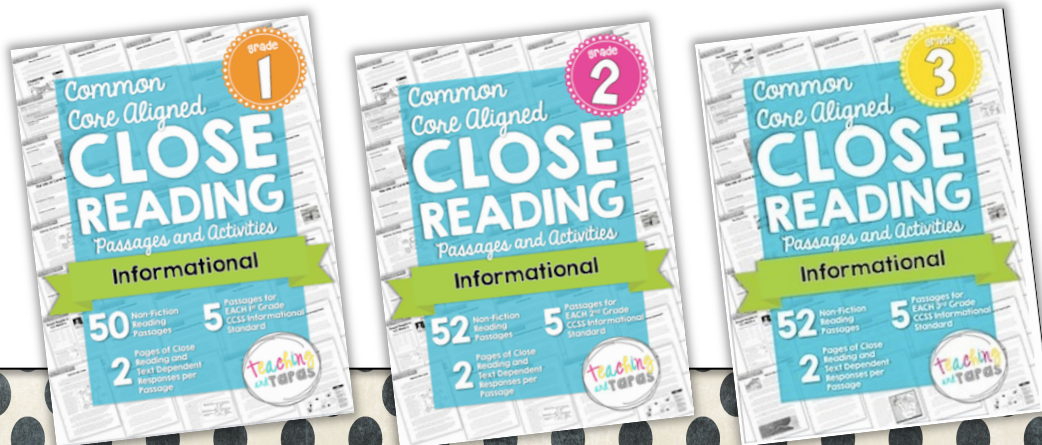
Version A - Page 3 Version B- Pages 4-5

Both sets of passages seamlessly use the same close reading and text dependent response pages.

Response Pages - Pages 6, 7

This freebie is a *sneak peek* of what is inside a much larger product! The complete product includes 52 original Lexile Leveled reading passages. It is available for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd grade. In the full product...

...*each CC&S has five* passages and close reading activities specifically dedicated along with a page of spiraling activities for the rest of the standards.



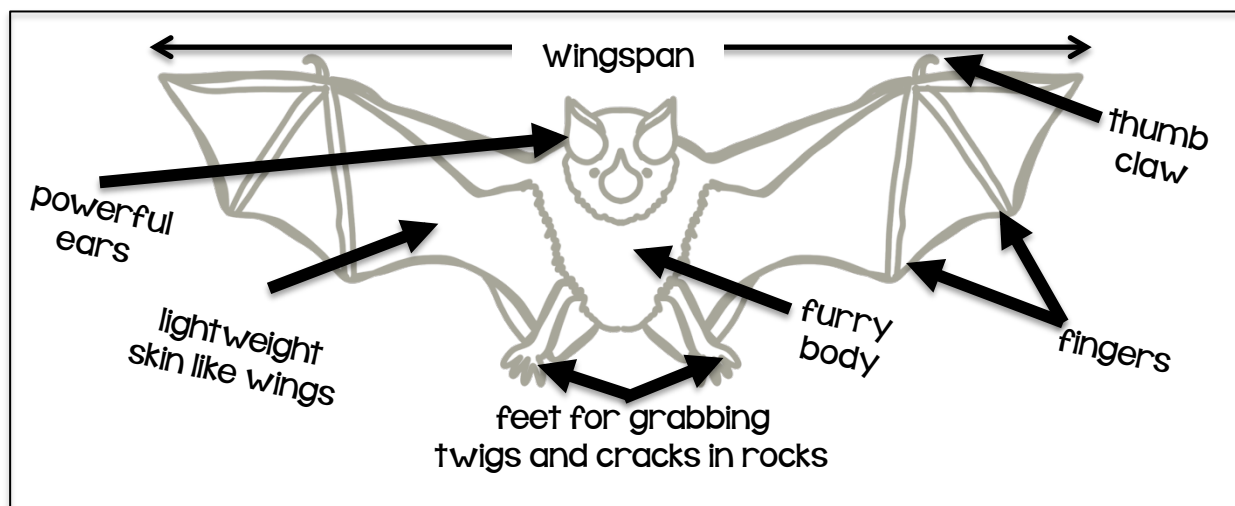


Bats!

I think bats are neat! It is not fair that people think they are bad. Why are they so scared of them? One reason is that people are scared of things they do not know about. Another reason is that bats come out at night. Other people are scared because bats can have rabies. This is a rare disease you can get if an infected bat bites you.



Bats have fur on their body. They have skin on their wings. Some bats have a wingspan of only five inches. One type of bat has a wingspan that is six feet wide. That is as tall as a grown man!



Bats look for food at night. They sleep in the day. They really do sleep upside down! Their claws and feet hold on tight when sleeping. Animals that are awake at night are called nocturnal. To find food at night, bats "see" with their ears. First, they make a sound. Then, they wait for the sound to come back. This is called echolocation.

What do you think? Are bats scary?

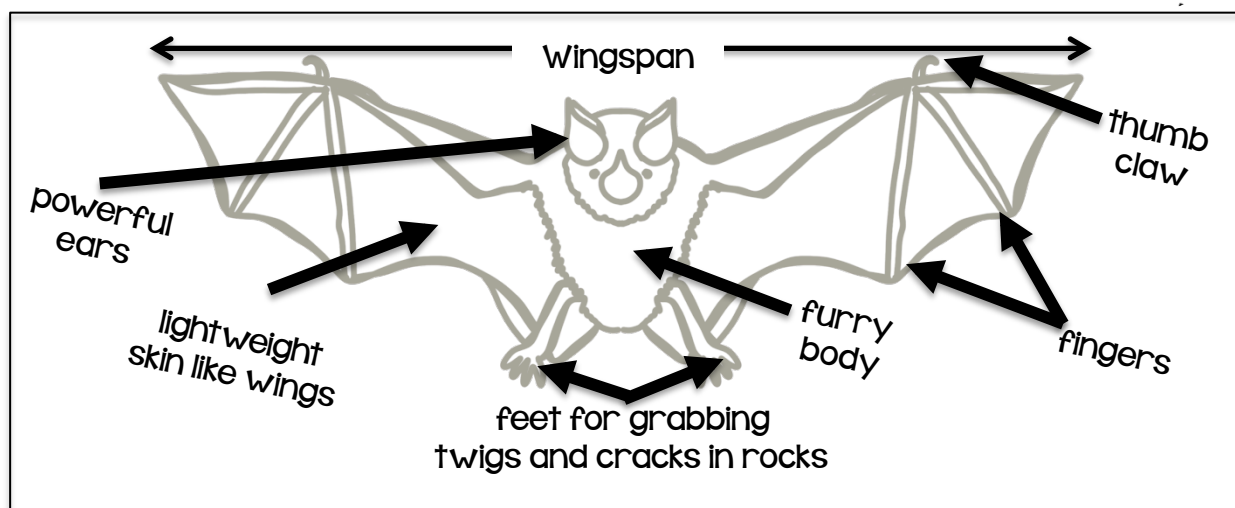


Bats!

A lot of people think bats are scary. What do you think? Do they creep you out? Do they make you think of haunted houses? Would you run away if you saw one? Or do you find them interesting?

What do you really know about bats?

There are thousands of types of bats on Earth. They come in all sizes. Some are tiny with a wingspan of only five inches. Others are huge. One type of bat has a wingspan that is six feet wide. That is as tall as a full grown man!



Bats can fly, but they are not birds. Birds have feathers, but bats do not. They have fur on their body and skin on their wings. In the winter months, some bats fly to warm places. This is so they can eat bugs all year round. Other bats spend the warm summer months getting fat. These types of bats then sleep in caves in the cold winter months.

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Bats can be helpful for the planet. Most bats love to eat insects. In one night, a bat can eat hundreds of insects. Other bats love to eat flowers. This can actually be good! These bats spread seeds which help flowers grow in new places.

Bats look for food at night. That means they sleep in the day. They really do sleep upside down! They use their claws and feet to hold onto cave rocks when sleeping. Animals, such as bats, that are awake at night are called nocturnal. To find food at night, bats “see” using their ears. Bats make a noise. Then they wait for the sound to return to them. This allows them to know how far away or close an object is. Being able to “see” using hearing is called echolocation.

So why are people so scared of bats? One reason is that people are scared of things they do not know much about. We do not see bats everyday. So they are mysterious to us. Another reason is because they come out only at night. A lot of people are scared of the dark. Some people are scared because bats can have rabies. Rabies is a disease you can get if an infected bat bites you. This is very rare.



I think bats are neat animals. It is not fair that people treat them like they are bad. They are mostly a harmless creature. What do you think? Are bats as scary as people say?

•RESPOND•
Bats!

NAME: _____

RI.3.1 and RI.2.1

1. Write three questions where the answer could be found in the text. Then find the answer to your question and color it.

Color the answer to your question



Color the answer to your question



Color the answer to your question



RI.3.7 and RI.2.7

2. Describe what a bat's body looks like?



Color the text or parts of the diagram that give you information about what a bat's body looks like.

3. How does a bat use their feet and claws?



Color the text or parts of the diagram that give you information about how a bat uses their feet and claws.

RI.2.0

4. What did you learn about bats? Write your answer in 1-3 complete sentences.

Complete Sentences	Cite the Evidence	Restate the Question
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•RESPOND•
Bats!

NAME: _____

RI.3.4 and RI.2.4

5. Find the underlined word, wingspan in the text. Use the context clues to explain what this word means. Circle the words in the text that are a clue to the meaning of the word.

6. Find the underlined word, nocturnal in the text. Use the context clues to explain what this word means. Circle the words in the text that are a clue to the meaning of the word.

7. Find the underlined word, echolocation in the text. Use the context clues to explain what this word means. Circle the words in the text that are a clue to the meaning of the word.

RI.2.8

8. Underline the reasons the AUTHOR gives for why people are scared of bats.

Why do YOU think people are scared of bats?

RI.3.6

9. Circle the sentences where the author shares their opinion or point of view about bats.

10. Describe the author's point of view.

11. What is your opinion, or point of view, about bats?

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