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This product was designed to give my students practice comprehending nonfiction text through "close readings". I absolutely loved teaching through my Holidays Around the World Close Reading unit, and I knew that this strategy was something I wanted to continue throughout the rest of the school year. I am now creating passages and questions that integrate with the science and social studies topics that I am currently teaching. I plan to eventually create science and social studies packets for the entire year, and I'll add a few seasonal topics as well.

This is not a "how to" guide for close reading. Instead, this product contains ten passages that can be used for close reading practice. There are three different versions of each passage, so you will have similar content for students on, above, and below grade level. I have leveled each passage using the Lexile Analyzer, but due to copyright laws, I've removed the lexile levels from the text. Passage A is written at fourth and fifth grade reading level. Passage B is written at a third grade reading level, and Passage C is written at a second grade reading level.

Each passage comes with three sets of close reading directions and questions. With each read, students will be asked to highlight and make notes in the text and will be asked questions that become more challenging with each read. I have included answer keys for the lst and 2nd set of questions only, since answers will vary greatly for the third set of questions.

Reading Levels Conversion Chart

Level	Lexile	& Pinnell	DRA
 st	up to 300	Е	8
 st	up to 300	F	IO
 st	up to 300	G	12
 st	80-450	Н	14
 st	80-450	I	I 6
st & 2 nd	80-450	J	I 8
2 nd	501-550	K	20
2 nd	551-600	L	24
2 nd	551-650	М	28
3 rd	520-730	N	30
3 rd	520-770	0	34
3 rd	520-820	р	38
4 th	7 40-900	Q	40
4 th	7 40-940	R	40
5 th	830-1010	S	40
5 th	830-1010	T	40
5 th	830-1010	U-W	50
6 th	925-1070	W+	
7 th	970-1120	W+	

Passage A

Levels of Government

Government is a group that sets laws and runs a comunity. There are three levels of government within the United States, with are national, state, and local government. Local government selected a town or city. State government is what leads the entire country and may a between communities, states, and the national However, local and state laws cannot conflict with national laws and a laws can at conflict with state laws.

The mayor is the elected leaver and government. Some communities also have city or county punch allocal government runs the school system, organises emergency services, and sets laws to keep its members safe.

State government is the level of government that runs the entire state. The governor is the locted leader of a state government. Each state to elect senators and representatives to represent their state. The patienal government of government is in charge of the state's education and health systems, protecting a local senvironment, and building and maintaining roads.

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Levels of Government

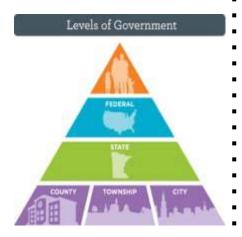
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Name Date



- · Read the entire passage.
- Write any interesting observations notes in the left margin.
- Write any questions you he about the text in the right margin.
- Answer the questions below.

 answer a question, be all to which a question number beside the text evidence you used to answer the question.
- I. What is government?
- 2. Who is the elected local government?
- 3. What is state ____ment responsible for?

4. is the head of our national government?

Name

Date_____

Levels of Government



- Reread the entire passage.
- Highlight one key word or phrase in paragraph.
- · Circle any words that you know to read or the meaning
- Answer the questions b

I. What nonfiction text feature id the author use, and how did it help you under and the text?

2. Name a key profyou highlighted. Why did you select that

3. t is the main purpose of the 3rd paragraph?

