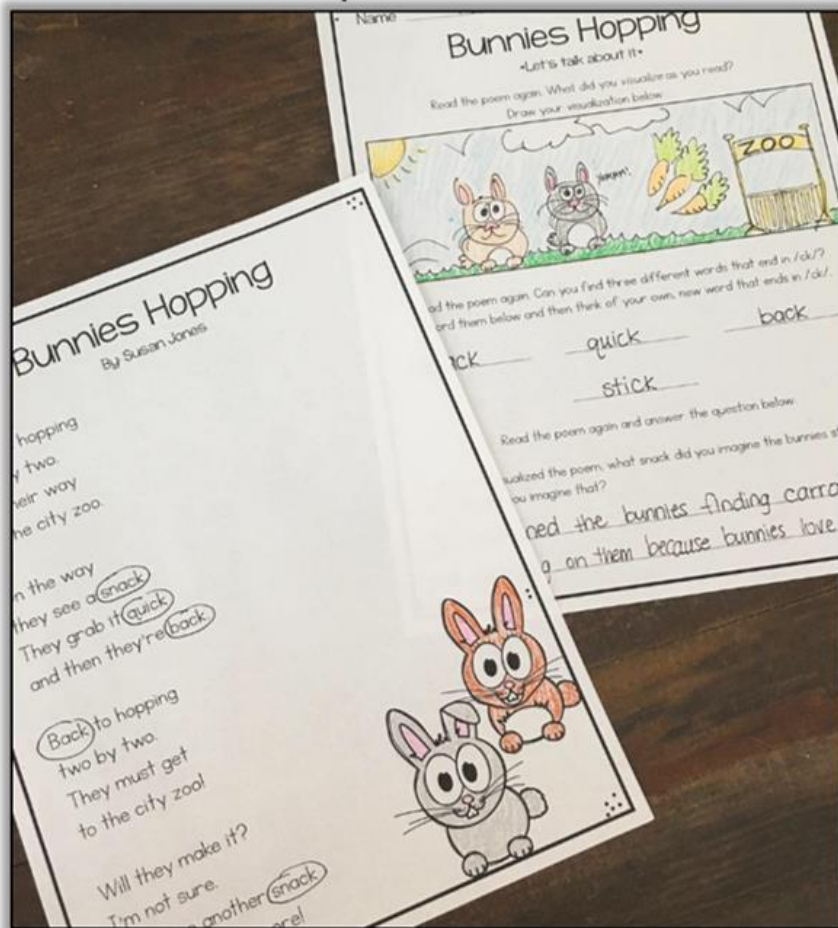


# HOLIDAY

close reads & poems

NONFICTION & FICTION PASSAGES  
with response sheets!



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# IN THIS UNIT:

For each holiday listed below there is a non-fiction close read passage with a vocabulary and comprehension response sheet. There is also a fiction poem with response sheet!

## HOLIDAYS INCLUDED:

- Labor Day
- Halloween
- Veteran's Day
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
  - Valentine's Day
  - President's Day
- Read Across America
  - St. Patrick's Day
    - Easter
  - April Fool's Day
  - Earth Day
  - Cinco de Mayo
  - Mother's Day
  - Father's Day
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July

\*If there are any holidays not listed that you would like to see included, please leave me a question in my TPT store\*

# EXAMPLE OF POEM WITH RESPONSE SHEET:

## Bunnies Hopping

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Bunnies hopping  
two by two.  
On their way  
to the city zoo.

On the way  
they see a snack.  
They grab it quick  
and then they're back.

Back to hopping  
two by two.  
They must get  
to the city zoo!

Will they make it?  
I'm not sure.  
They see another snack  
and they want more!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Bunnies Hopping

\*Let's talk about it\*

Read the poem again. What did you *visualize* as you read?

Draw your visualization below:

Read the poem again. Can you find three different words that end in /ck/?  
Record them below and then think of your own, new word that ends in /ck/.

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\_\_\_\_\_

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Read the poem again and answer the question below:

1. When you visualized the poem, what snack did you imagine the bunnies stopping for? Why did you imagine that?

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\_\_\_\_\_

# EXAMPLE OF NONFICTION CLOSE READS WITH RESPONSE SHEETS:

## April Fool's Day

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No one knows exactly when or why April Fools Day began but some believe that it has to do with the changing of the new year on the calendar. It is celebrated every year on April 1<sup>st</sup> and it was originally known as All Fool's Day.

In America, children and adults like to pull harmless pranks on one another and tell funny jokes. In England, people pull tricks on one another too, but you are only supposed to do so until noon. The holiday is only half a day long!

Did you know that in France children sneak to the backs of adults as a trick? They run "April Fish!" Kids and adults in France also eat chocolate fish around April Fool's Day to

The jester has become a symbol for April Fool's Day. A jester was a person who was hired as a jokester and a performer for royalty. Jesters were great at storytelling, juggling, doing magic and much more!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## April Fool's Day

### Vocabulary

Re-read the Easter passage and look for the following vocabulary words:  
Circle each time that word appears in the passage.

harmless

sneakily

prank

royalty

Complete the sentence below with the correct vocabulary word:

1. Kings, queens, princes and princesses are members of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jeff changed all the clocks back in his house as a big \_\_\_\_\_ on April Fool's Day!
3. Shayna crept \_\_\_\_\_ around the house to the backyard so no one would see her.
4. A \_\_\_\_\_ prank is one that doesn't hurt anyone and is just for fun!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## April Fool's Day

### Comprehension

Answer each question below using evidence from the text.  
Underline or highlight the evidence as you find it.

1. When and why do people celebrate April Fool's Day?  
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\_\_\_\_\_

2. Compare and contrast how people celebrate April Fool's Day in two different countries.  
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3. Why do you think a jester has become a symbol for April Fool's Day?  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Where would you want to celebrate April Fool's Day and why?  
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