ABOUT THIS PACKET

The Close Reading Passages in this packet allow students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

TASK	OVERVIEW
TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK	The Fill in the Blank task has students using context clues to insert the correct answer. Certain words are omitted, and students will use the word bank to find the correct answer.
TASK 2: VOCABULARY	This vocabulary activity helps kids understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
TASK 3: CROSSWORD	Students will read the passage searching for answers to the crossword puzzle.
TASK 4: TEXT MARKING	Students will reread the passage again looking for text-marking evidence and annotating the text.
TASK 5: TRUE OR FALSE	Now that students have read the passage several times, they should be able to answer the True or False questions with very little reference back to the reading. This task helps to show overall comprehension of the passage.
TASK 6: SUMMARY	After identifying key vocabulary words, searching for evidence and text-marking, students will fill out this final summary graphic organizer.

GRADE LEVEL	RANGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

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TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

Directions: Use the words below to fill in the reading.

tendons	600	Latin
digestive	striated	signals
skeletal	grab	organs

Every system in the human body is important to help us live and function, and the muscular system is no exception. The muscular system is composed (made up) of more than _____ muscles.

Muscles are what we use to move around. They are located all over the body underneath the _____. Some muscles work without a person thinking, such as the heart that pumps blood while others we have to actively move such as the leg muscles when walking across the street. The word muscle comes from the _____ word musculus meaning "little mouse."

Muscles work when the brain sends _____ to them to move. Proteins and chemicals in the body give them energy to either contract, tighten or relax. For example, to pick up a pencil, the brain will send signals to the muscles in the hand to relax and open and then contract to _____ the pencil.

There are three main types of muscles. The first is skeletal muscles which are what we use to move around. Skeletal muscles, also called _____ muscle, are connected to our bones, and help move the body in common ways. When we want to do something like walk across the street, our brain sends signals to the muscles in the legs to begin moving. Our muscles move the bones, and we are able to walk. These muscles are connected to the bones by _____, which are very strong tissues that hold them together.

Smooth muscles, also called involuntary muscles, do not connect to the bones like skeletal ones. These are used to control our _____ such as the stomach. These muscles cannot be controlled by a person, and they do their job without a person thinking about it. One place these muscles are found are in the stomach and the _____ system. They contract and relax to help food move through the body.

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TASK 2: VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Directions: Choose 5 words from the reading that are unfamiliar or new to you and fill in the diagram below.

WORD	PICTURE	DEFINITION

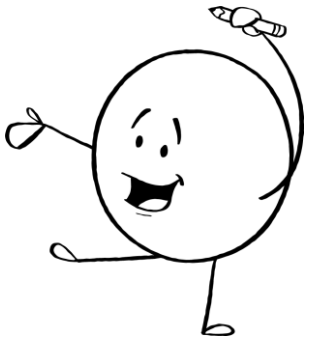
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TASK 3: CROSSWORD

Directions: Complete the crossword puzzle by reading the clues below and entering the correct response.



PREVIEW

ACROSS

2. The _____ muscle controls the [illegible]
4. The deltoid muscle is found in the [illegible]
5. _____ muscles are used to control [illegible] organs
6. The smallest muscle is called the _____
7. There are _____ main types of muscles
8. Skeletal muscles are connected to the bones by _____

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1. The jaw muscle is also called the _____
3. Skeletal muscles are also called _____ muscles



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TASK 6: SUMMARIZE

TOPIC SENTENCE

SUPPORTING DETAIL

SUPPORTING DETAIL

SUPPORTING DETAIL

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ESCAPE ROOMS

SCAVENGER HUNTS

SPY MYSTERY

TEXT DETECTIVE

SECRET MESSAGES

THINKTIVITY

BREAKOUTS

READING CHALLENGE

INTERACTIVE NOTEBOOK

DIGITAL ESCAPES

DIGITAL BOARD GAME

COLOR BY NUMBER

TASK CARDS GAME

GOOGLE SLIDES

GOOGLE FORMS

PUZZLE STATIONS

BOOM CARDS

BLOG