

Back to School ESCAPE ROOM



EDITABLE FOR ANY SUBJECT AREA

TASK 1: READING LIST Match Up

Instructions: Sort all of the cards (18 total) into the correct categories. Match each title, author, and description. Working left to right from top to bottom, the shaded squares will reveal a secret phrase. Write this on your Answer Sheet.

TITLE	AUTHOR	DESCRIPTION
Night N S O	Elie Weisel [] [] []	[] [] []
[] [] []	[] [] []	[] [] []
[] [] []	Suzanne Collins G I F	A dystopian young adult novel in which a girl finds herself in a treacherous reality show. [] [] []
[] [] []	[] [] []	In this play, a couple runs away to elope. Their friends try to stop them, fairies try to help... it's a disaster... or a dream. [] [] []
[] [] []	Betsy Cornwell [] [] []	[] [] []
[] [] []	[] [] []	[] [] []

TASK #1: Reading list MATCHUP

Your goal is to reveal a phrase.

1. You have titles, authors, and short descriptions for six different texts you'll read this year.
2. Place each card on the correct position on the mat.
3. When done correctly, the shaded boxes will reveal a sentence.
4. Record this on your Answer Sheet.

Hint: Be on the lookout for anything "out of place" or anything that may sense to you now. In an Escape Room, these are often clues that you'll

Scattered cards include:

- The Hunger Games (N Y U)
- Lord of the Flies (S B R)
- Roald Dahl
- A young inventor tries to shake off her... and stepisters ball. A stea...
- ... boys are marooned on... will they overcome... and each

Task #1: Reading List Match-Up

TASK 2: Summer Reading QUIZ

Instructions:
Answer these questions about your summer reading. The correct answers will reveal two code words.

1 The scurrying procession came at last to the big gate in the wall of the doctor's house. They could hear the splashing water and the singing of caged birds and the sweep of the long brooms on the flagstones. And they could smell the frying of good bacon from the doctor's house.

5 Kino took off his hat and stood waiting. Coyotito moaned a little in Juana's arms, and she spoke softly to him. The procession crowded close the better to see and hear.

After a moment the big gate opened a few inches. Kino could see the green coolness of the garden and little splashing fountain through the opening. The man who looked out at him was one of his own race. Kino spoke to him in the old language. "The little one- the first born- has been poisoned by the scorpion," Kino said. "He requires the skill of the healer."

10 The gate closed a little, and the servant refused to speak in the old language. "A little moment," he said. "I go to inform myself," and he closed the gate and slid the bolt home. The glaring sun threw the bunched shadows of the 15 people blackly on the white wall.

In his chamber the doctor saw from Paris, a little light over and a tiny cup of eggshell 20 tips of thumb and forefinger puffy little hammocks of flesh was hoarse with the fat that cigarettes. The furnishings of large tinted photograph of 25 in Heaven. The doctor had memory and longing for France he had been able to keep crumbled a sweet biscuit in noticed.

30 "Yes?" the doctor asked.

"It is a little Indian with a bat

35 The doctor put his cup down for 'little Indians'? I am a doc

"Yes, Patron," said the servan

40 "Has he any money?" the do supposed to work for nothing

1. What is the main confli

TASK #2: Close Reading QUIZ

To reveal the **keys** for this task, you'll need to answer multiple-choice questions about a close reading.

1. Answer the multiple-choice questions carefully, and write down the letters of the correct answers on your answer sheet.
2. These letters will spell out two important words that will be part of Task #4. It's up to you to figure out how to unscramble these.

Example:

1. What was Shakespeare's first name?

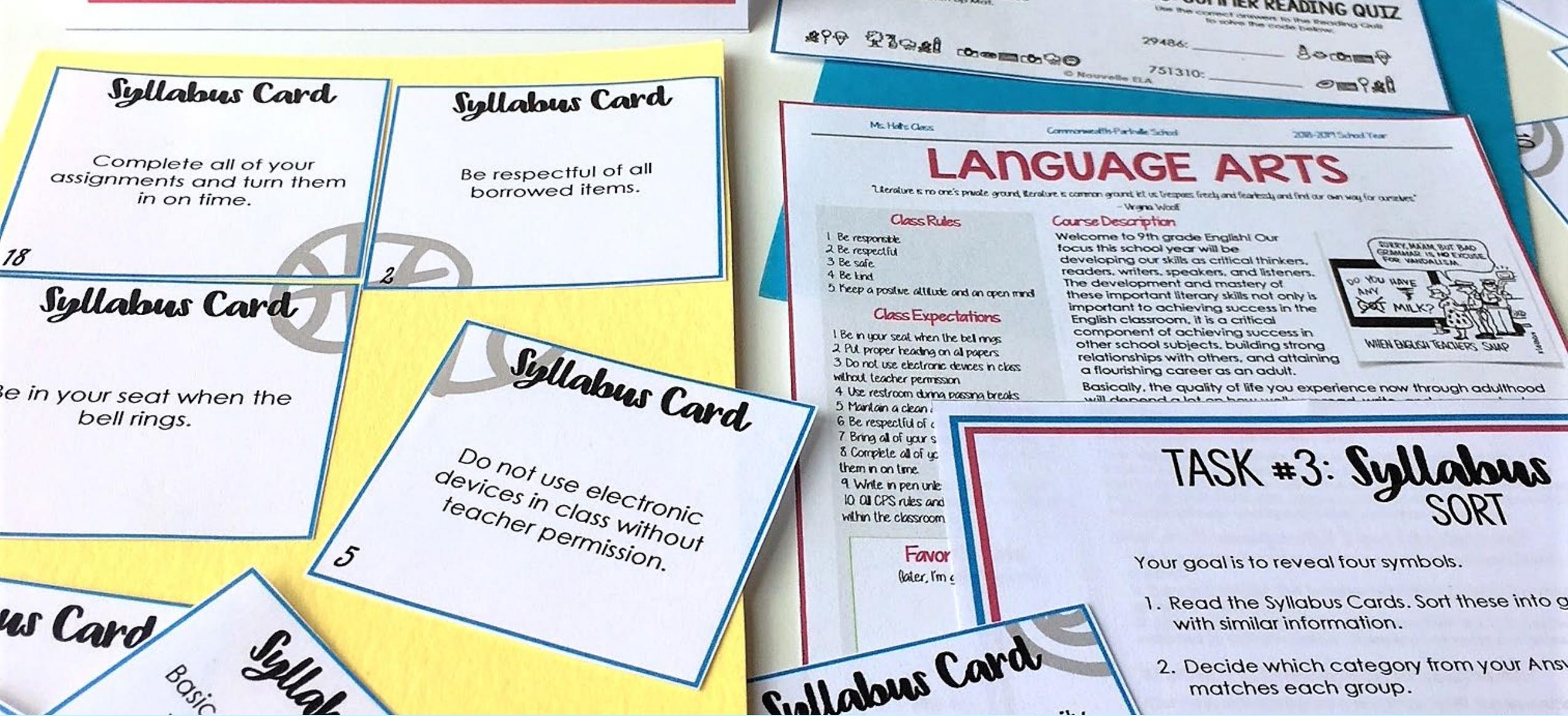
- A. William
- B. Fred
- C. Albert
- D. Stormageddon

(In this example, **A** would be part of your code word.)

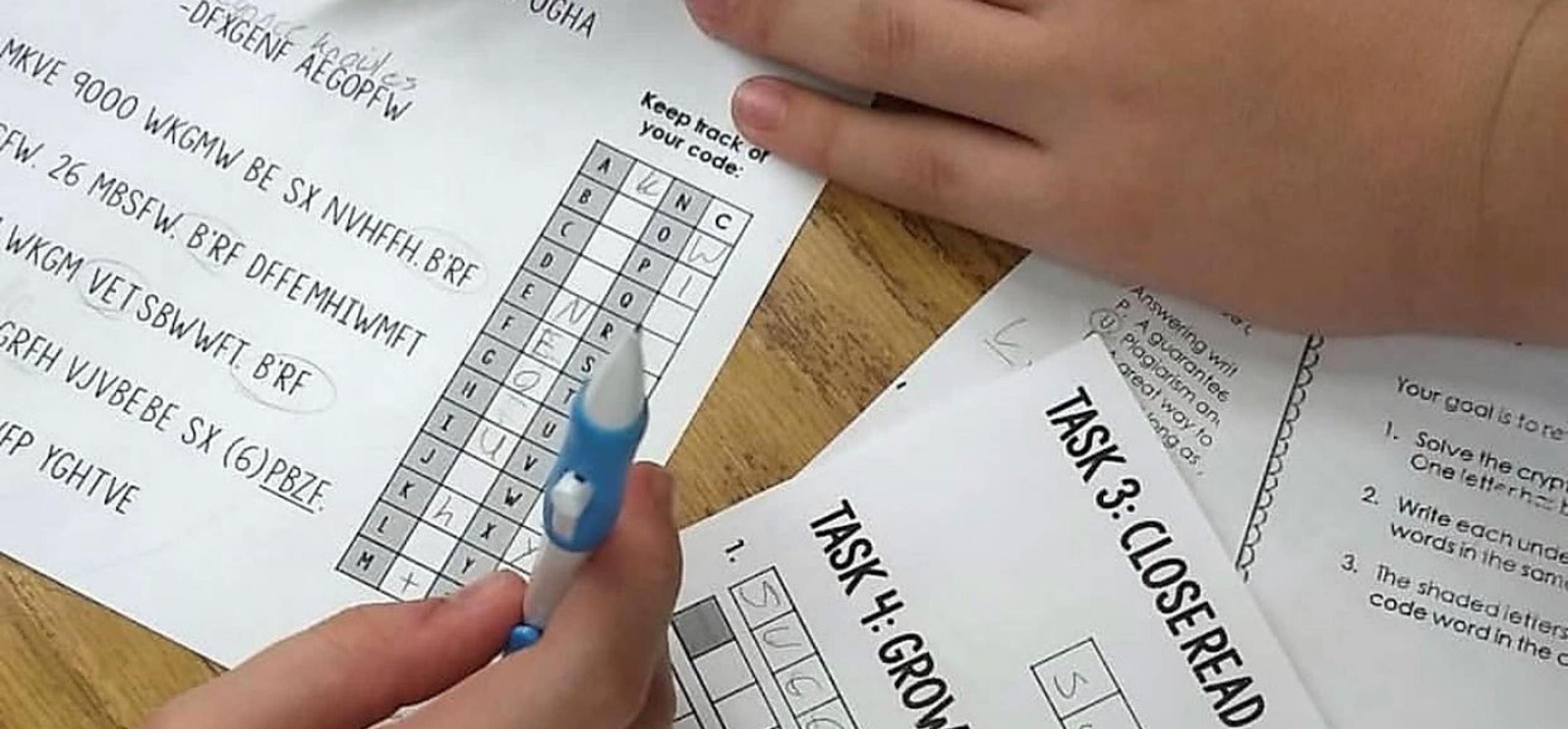
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Task #2: Close Reading Quiz

-Use this quiz for summer reading or an initial in-class reading assignment



Task #3: Syllabus Sort
Editable mini-puzzles for any syllabus (syllabus template not included)



Task #4: Growth Mindset Quotes
(Differentiate with Cryptoquotes or Blankout)

Editing Overview

... is editable in Microsoft PowerPoint. I have left a couple of backgrounds intact for you to use
... left the guidelines pages uneditable. Since I've left all of the titles embedded into the
... round, you won't need any special fonts
... font for Microsoft. Before beginning, you
... you finish editing, save the .ppt file as a...

... what you should edit to make this resource
TASK #1: READING LIST MATCH
... for this activity, choose six texts you'll read
... author, and a very short description. Input
... the appropriate boxes to the Match Up...

TASK #2: SUMMER READING
You write the questions and answer c

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The keys are "SMART" and "WRON"
you want and have any di...
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and answer ten multipl...
same.

Escape Room

EMOTIONAL PREPAREDNESS

Each group will decide how to be
this out is part of the team-building
students that everyone needs to

STATIONS:

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Teacher's Guide

This introduction activity is perfect for the beginning of school or the first day of a new term. It requires
students to complete four tasks and present "keys" to completion. To win, all three keys and the Sec
Quotes will be correct. The four tasks cover the syllabus, reading list anticipation, a summer reading c
and developing a growth mindset.

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... the following page.

Escape Room PRINT CHECKLIST

For the Escape Room, set up three stations, one for each of the first three tasks. Each station should have
a label and instructions. Students can move freely between the...

Includes full Teacher's Guide and instructions for editing in PowerPoint
(or clone program)

Frequently Asked Questions

How long will this take students?

I generally estimate that high school students can complete 3-4 tasks in 35-45 minutes, but honestly, it's going to vary widely. You can get a better idea of how this will go if you test this out first, particularly if you can recruit a friend to play who isn't super tech savvy. What takes proficient adult readers 15-20 minutes usually takes students 35-45.

Can students work in groups?

Absolutely! Start all of the groups together on Task #1. After that, let them work at their own pace. If you set this up as stations, teams of 3-4 can "divide and conquer," and choose to work on tasks that suit them.

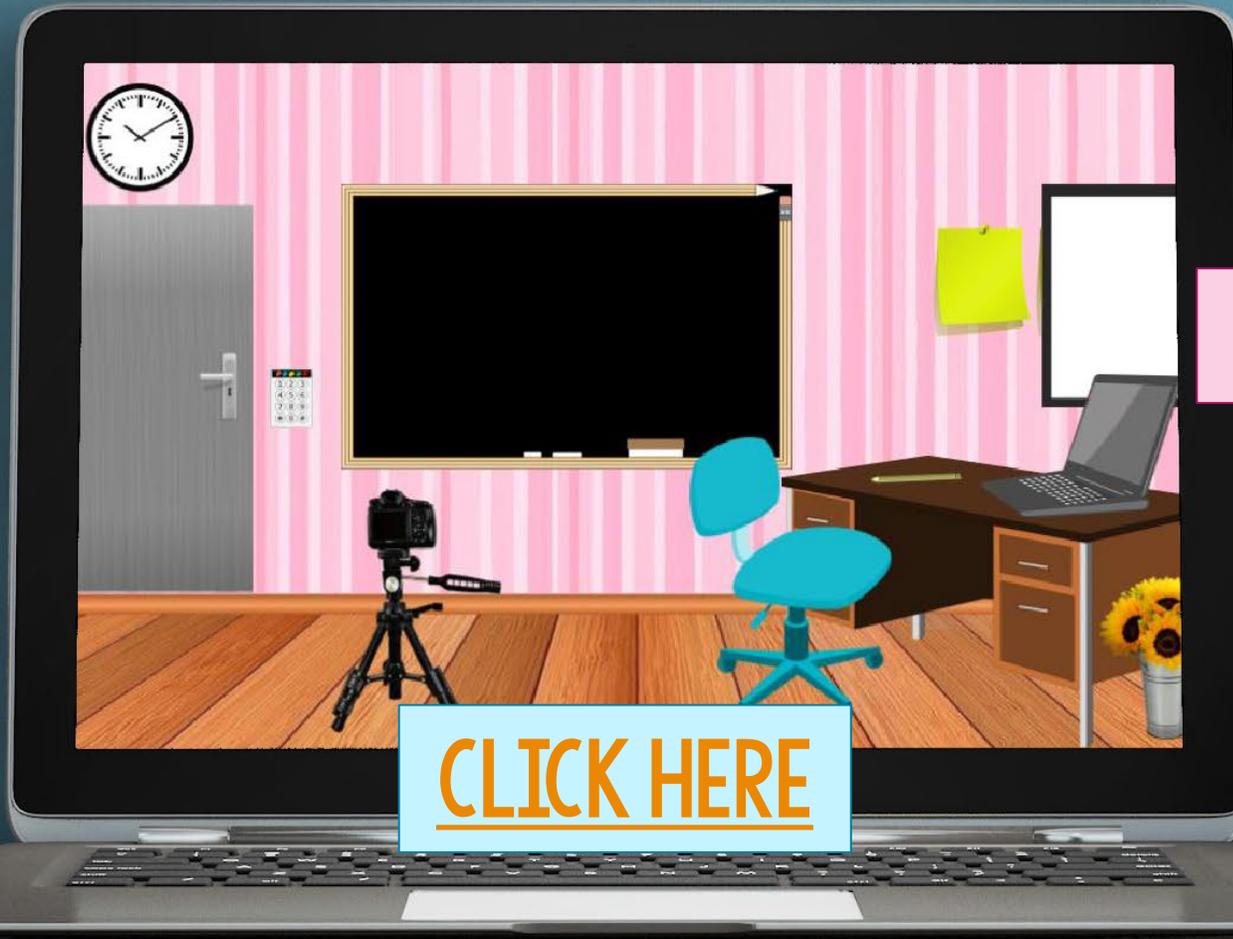
How can I adapt this for younger students?

Shorter tasks and more hints. :) For example, you'll edit the Reading List Match-Up to have more information at the beginning. The Close Reading Quiz will be shorter.

How can I make this more challenging?

You can add a Written Extension asking students to respond to one or more of the quotes. What does the quote mean to them? How does it help them imagine how they'll view the school year? You could ask them to write a paragraph individually or talk about this topic with their teams to set the tone for future collaboration and discussion.

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