


Halloween Activities for ELA




SEASONAL ACTIVITIES FOR GRADES 7-10


8 SPOOKY RESOURCES INCLUDED IN YOUR BUNDLE



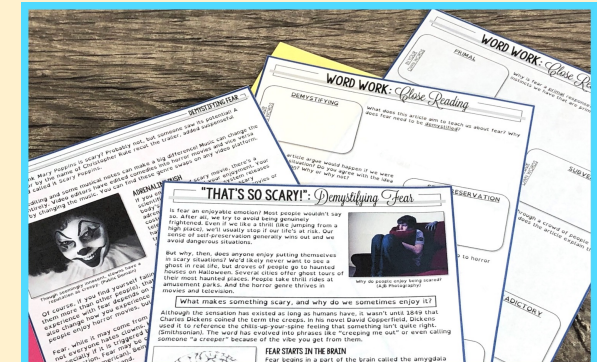
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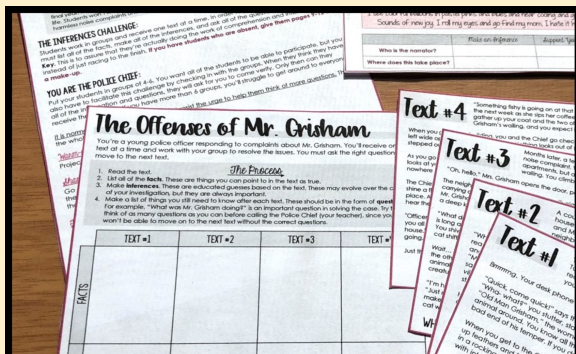
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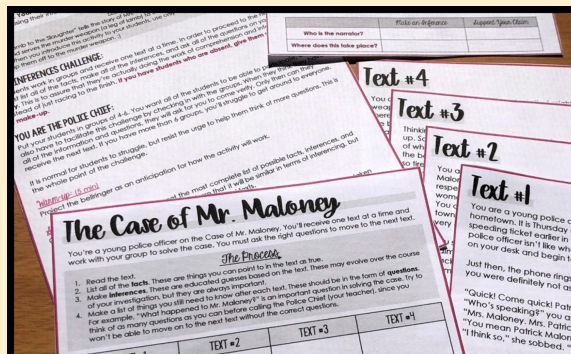
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Burnbridge Breakouts #3
THE HAUNTED MANSION
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Halloween Drama Games
BONUS RESOURCE!
6 Spooky Improv Games
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PowerPoint Notes

A symbol is...

Symbols can be...

Symbolism & Allegory

A symbol is anything that represents an idea other than what you can literally see. When we analyze symbols, we will work from concrete ideas to things we interpret.

3. The Symbol: What It Means

2. Abstract Traits: What You Know

1. Concrete Traits: What You See

Example: A Pearl

3. The Symbol
Could represent overcoming adversity

2. Abstract Traits
Rare, made over time through struggle

1. Concrete Traits
Shiny, beautiful

Chart

red	
blue	
black	
yellow	

Your Turn: A Rose

Consider a rose, and the things you can see, smell, and taste. How are roses throughout society? These are your abstract traits, and drawing conclusions as a symbol. Write your Symbolism Arc.

3. The Symbol

2. Abstract Traits

1. Concrete Traits

Tootsie Roll Pop

Examine the outside of Tootsie Roll Pop, but use what you know about the inside and about commercials for this product to come up with an idea about what it could symbolize. Write your notes in the Symbolism Arc.

3. The Symbol

2. Abstract Traits

1. Concrete Traits

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Symbolism

A symbol can be an object, person, animal, or event to which a culture attaches different meanings for people:

Symbolism vs. Allegory

▶ A symbol is a single person, or event that...

Symbolism & Allegory

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SYMBOLISM & ALLEGORY

Symbolism

SYMBOL

ABSTRACT "How many licks?"

CONCRETE

chocolate inside

hard sweet

owl?

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Sweet Symbolism (Paper & ISN)

*Students analyze a symbol

*Includes Symbolism & Allegory PPT

ECHOES: Abandoned Places

1. SIX FLAGS, NEW ORLEANS
Nothing goes from fun to incredibly spooky faster than an abandoned theme park. The monster Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans in 2005, it caused widespread devastation. The Six Flags Great Escape roller coaster was destroyed and the location has been rebuilt.

The current status of the park is still a dystopian landscape of horror movie sets. You can see the remains of the roller coaster, but it's not open to the public. It's a lot of very interesting (and creepy) abandoned places that can be quite an adventure—if you're ever allowed to visit.

2. PRIPIYAT, UKRAINE
While a nuclear meltdown might sound like something out of a movie about the apocalypse, it really happened in Pripyat, Ukraine, in 1986. The Chernobyl nuclear power plant experienced a meltdown, and due to the extremely high levels of radiation that resulted, the entire city had to be evacuated. The city was completely emptied in four hours.

Pripyat has been left exactly as it was the day the meltdown occurred. To this day, the radiation is too high for anyone to occupy the area, and Pripyat, once home to around 50,000 people, remains a true ghost town.

3. THE WINCHESTER MYSTERY HOUSE
You could find a multitude of abandoned homes in the United States, but few have a stranger tale than that of the old Winchester House, which has the mysterious vibes you may expect to find in a Hollywood version of a haunted house.

4. CENTRALIA, PENNSYLVANIA
Once a small coal town, Centralia, PA, looks more like a gateway to the underworld.

The fire was intended to be a controlled burn in a landfill. Little did the residents know, the fire beneath their town would still be ablaze over fifty years later. The controlled burn ignited a coal seam, which quickly spread to the coal in the mines beneath the town. All efforts to extinguish the underground fire failed.

At first, residents complained of the smell. But soon, the underground fire began to have more grave effects. A sinkhole opened up underneath a young boy. Smoke rose from the ground, and the air became unsafe to breathe. Eventually, the city was condemned.

Today, only a few residents remain, and adventure-seeking tourists stop in to take photos of the smoke that is still rising from the ground and the split, graffiti-covered highway.

5. THE PARISIAN CATACOMBS
Try this for a real-life horror story: what if you found out your town was built over a graveyard? Now imagine over six million bodies buried in the world. Paris, France. They were actually constructed in the 18th century. The catacombs were used as tombs because at the time the graveyards were being closed due to public health concerns. They were later used during World War II as a headquarters for the French resistance. All buried here with only the original cemetery names as labels. If you're interested in exploring the labyrinth of tombs yourself, they are open to the public.

6. THE WANLI UFO HOUSES, TAIWAN
These otherworldly homes built in Taiwan were definitely peculiar: they actually resembled flying saucers. The unique and futuristic homes were the brainchild of architect Matti Saarela, although some speculate these specific UFO houses were built by making constri-
unforti-
west-
west-
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vill-
do have a future after all.

But the Winchester house is very real, and belonged to Sarah Winchester. She was married to a wealthy industrialist, and the two had an infant daughter. Unfortunately, tragedy struck the family, with both her child and her husband passing away in a short time. Sarah moved from Connecticut to San Jose, CA, where she began construction on her home, which she never allowed to cease.

The house became a labyrinth that led to nowhere, hidden doors, and dead ends. The construction continued for years, when Sarah died, she never reached the second floor. The real estate agent knew why Sarah continued building her home.

7. ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, LUKOVÁ, CZECHIA
If you're interested in the supernatural, you're sure to check out the so-called church of the dead.

8. LAS MUCecas
Las Mucecas is a famous abandoned town in the trees on an island, and it's a ghost town.

9. THE WINCHESTER HOUSE
The Winchester House. It even has its own website called the Winchester House.

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CREATIVE WRITING: Flash Fiction

Flash Fiction is a very short story that still has plot, character development, and conflict. Since you don't have pages and chapters to develop your ideas, it can be challenging to draw your audience into the story. The trick is to get right to the heart of what's important to the story you want to tell.

WHAT STORY WILL YOU TELL?

For each Story Start, imagine which of the abandoned places you read about you would visit. Write down notes about your story.

STORY STARTS

You are trapped in this place. How do you escape? What obstacles do you encounter?

- Surprise! You've won a vacation to...one of these creepy, abandoned places! It's time for survival mode. How do you make the best of it?
- When you arrive in the abandoned place of your choosing, you realize someone is already there...and you aren't welcome. Who is this mystery person, and why are they protecting this place?
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Choose one of the abandoned places you read about and write a piece of flash fiction (1 page, handwritten) based on it.

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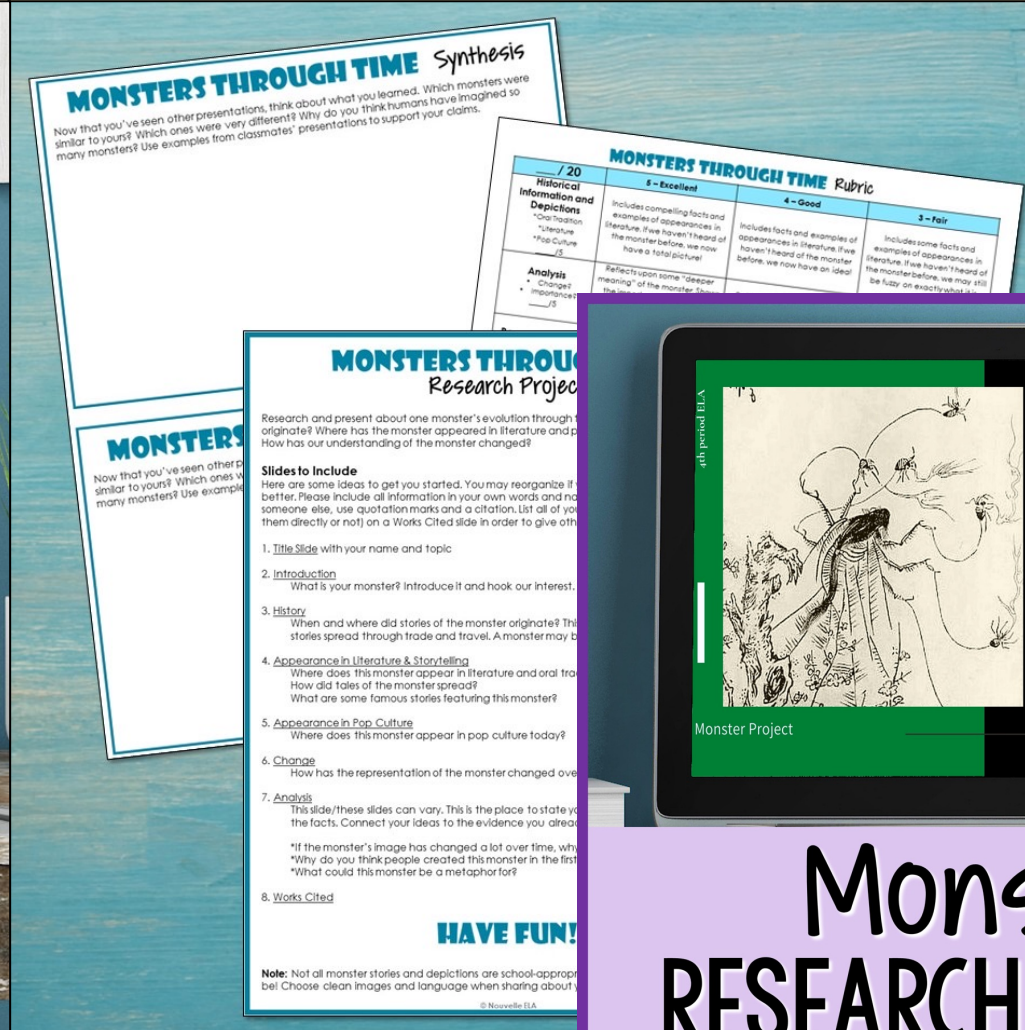
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Abandoned Places (Paper & Digital)

*Creative Writing based on Nonfiction



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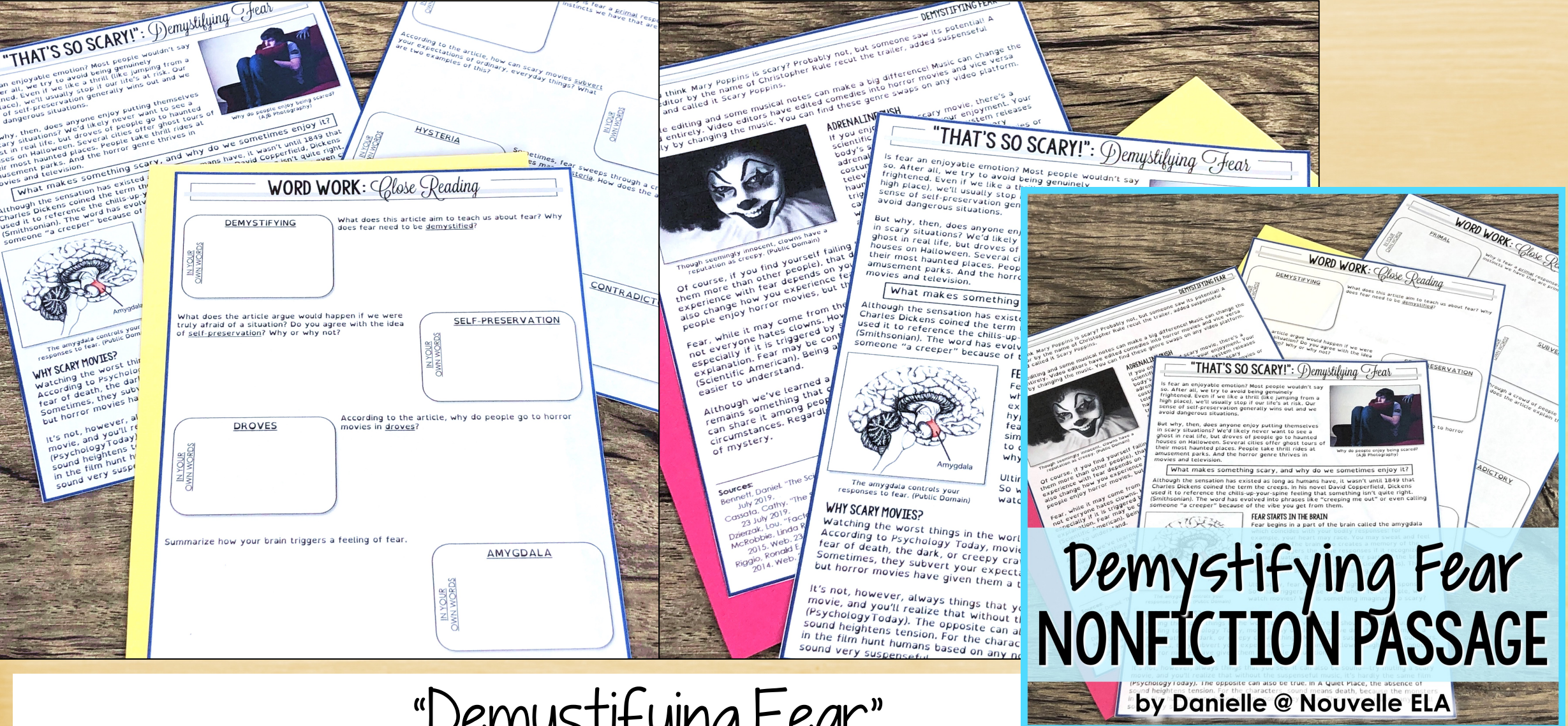
Monster Project

Monster RESEARCH PROJECT

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Monster Research Project (Editable for Paper & Digital)

*Students research a monster through time

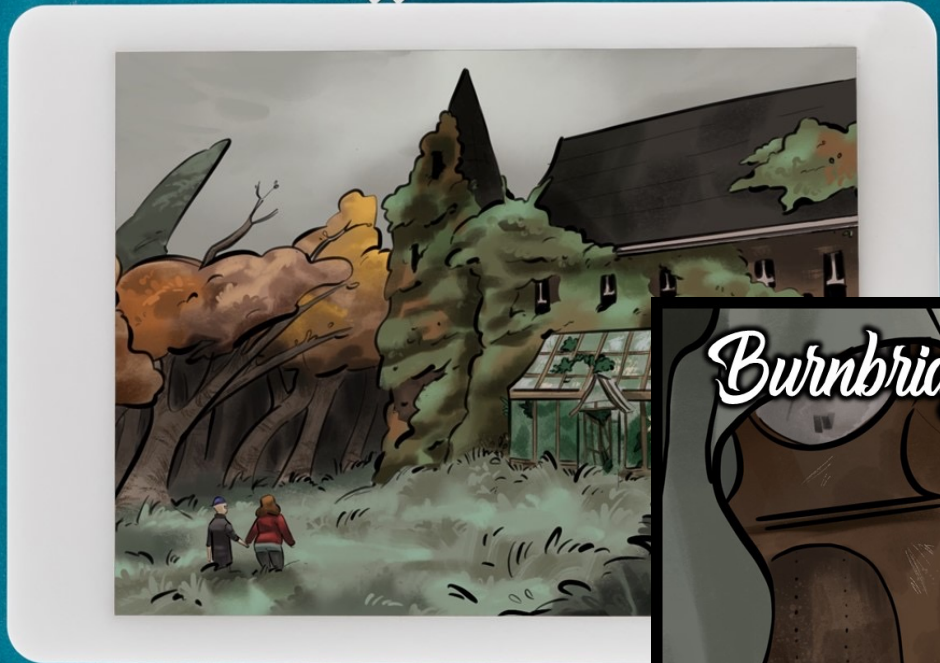


Demystifying Fear NONFICTION PASSAGE

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“Demystifying Fear”
(Paper & Digital)

*Nonfiction article & vocabulary in context



“The Haunted Mansion”
(Digital)
Reading escape room