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We have been working through these paired texts and the kids love reading and learning about things they weren't aware

of. The questions bring up great discussions and sometimes even research opportunities

too! Great resource!

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WAYS TO USE THIS RESOURCE:

whole group or small group modeling

read and annotate the texts together, then provide the questions for comprehension check, allowing students to use the annotated passages

completely independent practice for students reading above 4th-5th grade level



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A first-class parlor-suite ticket cost \$4,350, which would be about \$50,000 today! The expensive suites were beautifully decorated. They each had five rooms-two bedrooms, two rooms for clothing, and a bathroom. The upperclass passengers enjoyed a Reading and Writing Room, Turkish Baths (similar to a sauna), Lounge, Reception Room, Dining Room, Gym, Squash Court, and Swimming Pool, among other extravagances. Dinner was a grand event each night. The guests would dress in their best clothes. They would then make their way down a 60-foot staircase to the largest dining room ever seen on a ship at that time. They would dine on luxurles such as oysters, filet mignon, lamb, and duck. Passengers also got to

travelers aboard the ship, too. These passengers' tickets ranged from \$40-\$60. Second-class guests enjoyed a library and deck games like chess and shuffleboard. They also had a separate dining room right below the first-class dining room. Their rooms had two to four beds in each, with a wash basin and a chamber pot! They used public bathrooms. The third-class passengers also called the "steerage," had to find things to do to entertain themselves. They were not allowed up on the decks

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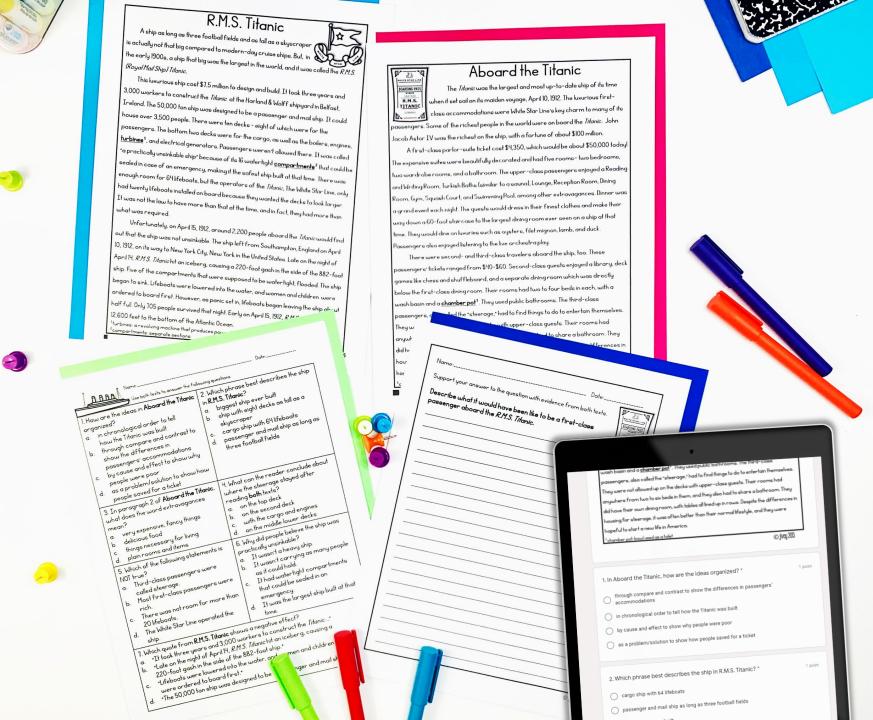
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PASSAGES INCLUDED:

a summary of the ship and what it was like on the voyage

a timeline of the ship, and discovering the wreckage

two biographies of women- one first-class and one third-class-both survivors

ANSWER KEYS NOTE CORE STANDARDS

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eople, but only carries 28, Distress call ed in hopes a nearby ship can help. e Carpathia, receiving the call 58

1,500 people still on the ship, panic full-takes over. People begin jumping verboard into the icy water. The how lunges under the water at 2:17 a.m. he ship's lights blink once, and then a

e<u>ptember 1, 1985</u> – After searching fo nany years, Dr. Robert Ballard finally iscovers and photographs the wreck of

Finding the Wreckage

ne location of the *Tilanic* was unknown. This was mainly due to the incorrect position last given over the radio from the crew as the ship was sinking. The ship was large, bu nad broadcasted on the radio. The key to finding the wreckage was a remote ontrolled deep-sea vehicle called Argo. It traveled along the bottom of the sea and nsmitted pictures back to the boat above

The Titanic lies in two pieces about a third of mile apart. The bow, or forward part of the ship, is still recognizable even with the damage i eceived from hitting the sea floor. The stern¹ wer, is a twisted heap of metal. It was

gone on the ship.

brought to the surface.

As it sank, it fell apart. It broke when it hit the sea floor

found 70 years after it sank.
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low does the photograph in Finding the o the site of the shipwreck since sands of artifacts have been brough on be seen today on display in tifacts recovered include luggage and White Star Line dishes. Even piece t of the <u>hull²,</u> skylights, windows, a piece . Why was the ship found on the sea floor m a first-class room have been found. T e it is too fragile to raise to the surface

Margaret Brown

art of the working class. Margaret stripped tobacco to help her family's income. Whe he was 18, she moved with her sister to Colorado to open a blacksmith shop. She met er husband there. He was a miner named James Joseph (J.J.) Brown. He was also child of Irish immigrants. Mr. Brown turned a silver mine into a gold mine. He was ther given 12,500 shares of stock and a seat on the Little Johnny Mine company board. Thi nade him one of the most successful miners in the country

While her husband stayed busy with mining, Margaret Brown got to omen's suffrage¹ movement. She even created a Chapter of the Natio Suffrage Association. She also donated her time to feeding families at a loca kitchen. She raised funds for education and human rights. She was known for be utspoken. She always stood up for what she believed was right. She even ran for enate in 1912, eight years before women had the right to votel

In 1909, the couple separated. Margaret received some of J.J.'s wealth. He also ave her \$700 a month. She traveled the world with her friends, the Astors. They all e on the *Titanic* in first-class rooms. On that fateful night when the ship struck an iceberg, she continued to show her compassion by helping to load the lifeboots. She was finally persuaded to get into Lifeboot 6. She encouraged the warm on the boat to not give up hope. She continued to row the boat until it was aved by the *Carpathia*. Margaret's knowledge of foreign languages elped her comfort survivors who didn't speak much English. Margare ealized that many women had lost everything when the ship sank. They would need to start new lives. By the time the Carpathia docked in New Yo she had created the Survivor's Committee, been elected chairperson, and had raised almost \$10,000 for those survivors.

Buckinghamshire in England in 1873, She moved to the United States in 1894 There, she met her husband, Stanton Abbott, a champion fighter. They had divorced in 1911. She and her sons moved back to England where she became a soldier in The Salvation Army She realized that her boys were not happy in England, though. She booked third-class tickets on the Titanic to return

amily was already asleep. They kened and told to put on life teenagers. Even though only womer and children were allowed past the gates to the upper deck, the young men They finally made it to the lifeboats when the final boat was being loaded. Rhoda refused to get in when she found out her sons would not be allowed on the boat Rhoda was swept away from her sons as the water began to overtake the ship

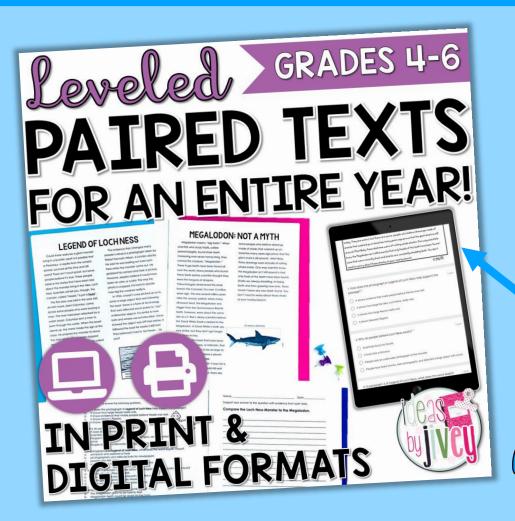
was able to swim to Collapsible Boat A. She was hospitalized for two weeks afte arriving in New York She also lived with respiratory problems for the rest of her





RHODA ABBOTT

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