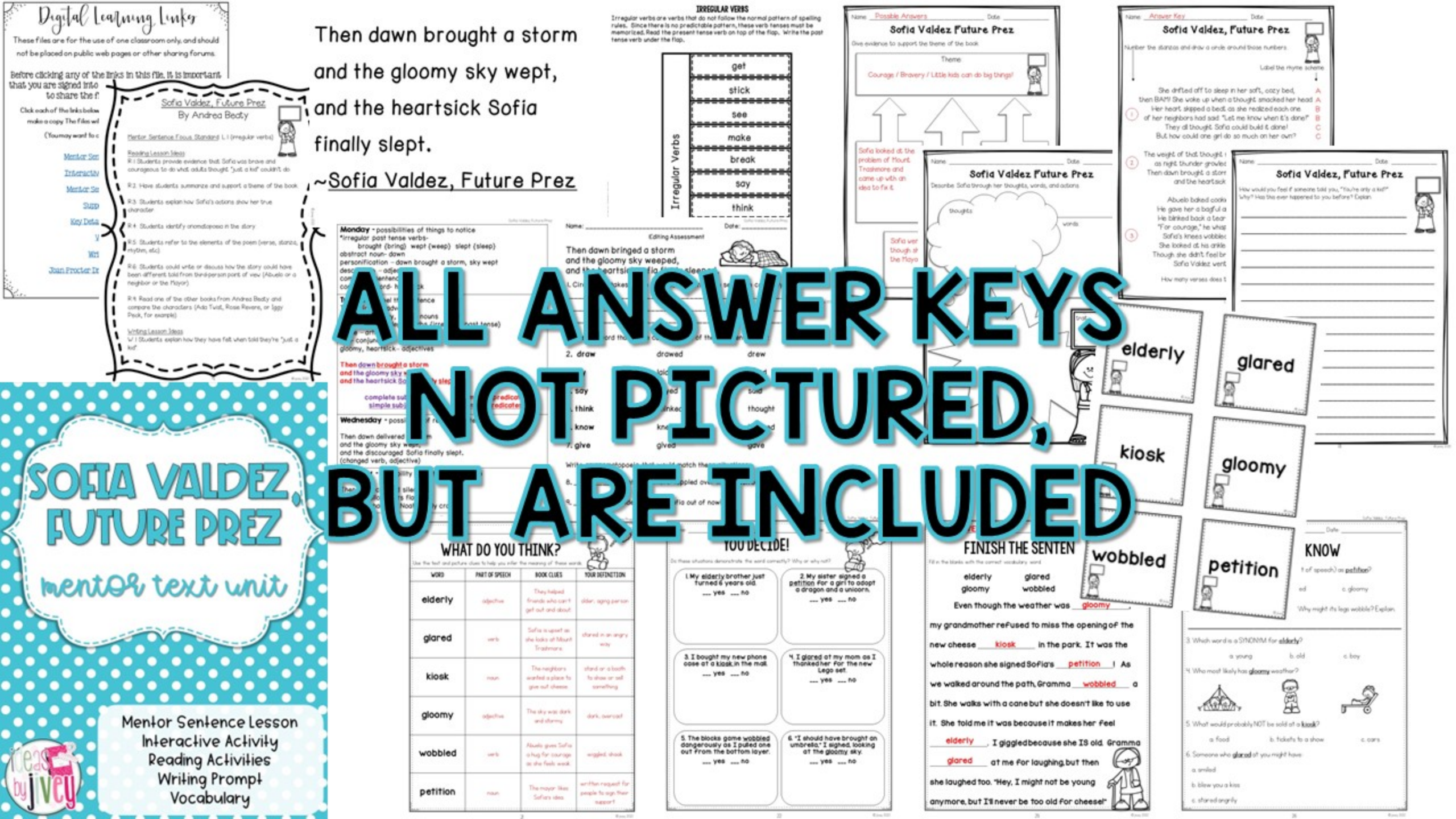
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Sofia Valdez, Future Prez
By Andrea Beaty
Mentor Sentence Focus Standard: L.1 (irregular verbs)
Reading Lesson Ideas
R1: Students provide evidence that Sofia was brave and courageous to do what adults thought "just a kid" couldn't do
R2: Have students summarize and support a theme of the book
R3: Students explain how Sofia's actions show her true character
R4: Students identify onomatopoeia in the story
R5: Students refer to the elements of the poem (verse, stanza, rhythm, etc.)
R6: Students could write or discuss how the story could have been different told from third-person point of view (Abuelo or a neighbor or the Mayor)
R9: Read one of the other books from Andrea Beaty and compare the characters (Ada Twist, Rosie Revere, or Iggy Peck, for example)
Writing Lesson Ideas
W1: Students explain how they have felt when told they're "just a kid"
Then dawn brought a storm
and the gloomy sky wept,
and the heartsick Sofia
finally slept.
~Sofia Valdez, Future Prez
IRREGULAR VERBS
Irregular verbs are verbs that do not follow the normal pattern of spelling rules. Since there is no predictable pattern, these verb tenses must be memorized. Read the present tense verb on top of the flap. Write the past tense verb under the flap.
Irregular Verbs
get
stick
see
make
break
say
think
Name: Possible Answers Date:
Sofia Valdez Future Prez
Give evidence to support the theme of the book
Theme
Courage / Bravery / Little kids can do big things!
Sofia looked at the problem of Mount Trashmore and came up with an idea to fix it.
Sofia wer though st the Maya
Name: Answer Key Date:
Sofia Valdez, Future Prez
Number the stanzas and draw a circle around those numbers.
Label the rhyme scheme
She drifted off to sleep in her soft, cozy bed, A
then BAM! She woke up when a thought smacked her head. A
Her heart skipped a beat as she realized each one B
of her neighbors had said "Let me know when it's done!" B
They all thought Sofia could build it alone! C
But how could one girl do so much on her own? C
The weight of that thought
as night thunder growled
Then dawn brought a storm
and the heartsick
Abuelo baked cooki
He gave her a bagful o
He blinked back a tear
"For courage," he whisp
Sofia's knees wobbled
She looked at his ankle
Though she didn't feel br
Sofia Valdez went
How many verses does t
Name: Date:
Sofia Valdez, Future Prez
Describe Sofia through her thoughts, words, and actions.
thoughts
words
Name: Date:
Sofia Valdez, Future Prez
How would you feel if someone told you, "You're only a kid!" Why? Has this ever happened to you before? Explain.
Monday - possibilities of things to notice
*irregular past tense verbs-
brought (bring) wept (weep) slept (sleep)
abstract noun- dawn
personification – dawn brought a storm, sky wept
gloomy, heartsick - adjectives
Then dawn brought a storm
and the gloomy sky
and the heartsick
complete sub
simple subj
predica
dicate
Wednesday - possi
Then dawn delivered
and the gloomy sky wept,
and the discouraged Sofia finally slept.
(changed verb, adjective)
Name: Date:
Editing Assessment
Then dawn bringed a storm
and the gloomy sky weeped,
2. draw drawed drew
say said
think thought
know
give gived gave
elderly
glared
kiosk
gloomy
wobbled
petition
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
Use the text and picture clues to help you infer the meaning of these words.
WORD | PART OF SPEECH | BOOK CLUES | YOUR DEFINITION
elderly | adjective | They helped friends who can't get out and about | older, aging person
glared | verb | Sofia is upset as she looks at Mount Trashmore | stared in an angry way
kiosk | noun | The neighbors wanted a place to give out cheese | stand or a booth to show or sell something
gloomy | adjective | The sky was dark and stormy | dark, overcast
wobbled | verb | Abuelo gives Sofia a hug for courage as she feels weak | wiggled, shook
petition | noun | The mayor likes Sofia's idea | written request for people to sign their support
YOU DECIDE!
Do these situations demonstrate the word correctly? Why or why not?
1. My elderly brother just turned 6 years old. ___ yes ___ no
2. My sister signed a petition for a girl to adopt a dragon and a unicorn. ___ yes ___ no
3. I bought my new phone case at a kiosk in the mall. ___ yes ___ no
4. I glared at my mom as I thanked her for the new Lego set. ___ yes ___ no
5. The blocks game wobbled dangerously as I pulled one out from the bottom layer. ___ yes ___ no
6. "I should have brought an umbrella," I sighed, looking at the gloomy sky. ___ yes ___ no
FINISH THE SENTEN
Fill in the blanks with the correct vocabulary word.
elderly glared
gloomy wobbled
Even though the weather was gloomy
my grandmother refused to miss the opening of the
new cheese kiosk in the park. It was the
whole reason she signed Sofia's petition ! As
we walked around the path, Gramma wobbled a
bit. She walks with a cane but she doesn't like to use
it. She told me it was because it makes her feel
elderly . I giggled because she IS old. Gramma
glared at me for laughing, but then
she laughed too. "Hey, I might not be young
anymore, but I'll never be too old for cheese!"
KNOW
Date:
t of speech) as petition?
ed c. gloomy
Why might its legs wobble? Explain.
3. Which word is a SYNONYM for elderly?
a. young b. old c. boy
4. Who most likely has gloomy weather?
5. What would probably NOT be sold at a kiosk?
a. food b. tickets to a show c. cars
6. Someone who glared at you might have
a. smiled
b. blew you a kiss
c. stared angrily
SOFIA VALDEZ, FUTURE PREZ
mentor text unit
Mentor Sentence Lesson
Interactive Activity
Reading Activities
Writing Prompt
Vocabulary
Kids by Jivey
ALL ANSWER KEYS NOT PICTURED, BUT ARE INCLUDED