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Core Curriculum Connection Activities

GRADE 5 • CLUSTER 5

Grade 5, Cluster 5. Four activities, one per module, showing how the Teach BIG paired passage response plugs straight into the Bluebonnet core the state already gives your district. Run it either way, from their content or from ours.

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CORE CURRICULUM CONNECTION ACTIVITY

THE CORE READING

World War II

Bluebonnet Grade 5 Knowledge Unit

THE WRITING

Cluster 5 • Module 1 • Connecting Two Texts

Teach BIG™ Grade 5 • Paired Passage
Informational ECR

WHAT YOUR CLASS ALREADY KNOWS

Your students have studied World War II in Bluebonnet. They can describe the causes, the events, and the people who lived through it.

THE WRITING WE ADD

Cluster 5 joins two readings into one answer, because one answer equals two texts. Module 1 uses evidence from both around one idea.

TWO WAYS TO RUN IT, TEACHER'S CHOICE

USING BLUEBONNET CORE CONTENT

Have students read two Bluebonnet World War II accounts and write one idea that connects them, with a detail from each.

USING THE WRITING ACADEMY SUPPLEMENTAL CONTENT

*Or use our Cluster 5 passages, *A Difficult Compromise* and *A Visit to the Workshop*, to connect two texts from our content.*

A FIVE MINUTE BRIDGE

Give students two details, one from each text. Ask them to write one sentence tying the ideas together. In five minutes they will connect two texts.

CORE CURRICULUM CONNECTION ACTIVITY

THE CORE READING

The Renaissance: Art and Culture

Bluebonnet Grade 5 Knowledge Unit

THE WRITING

Cluster 5 • Module 2 • How the Texts Are Alike and Different

Teach BIG™ Grade 5 • Paired Passage
Informational ECR

WHAT YOUR CLASS ALREADY KNOWS

Your students have studied the Renaissance in Bluebonnet. They can describe its art, its thinkers, and how new ideas changed the world.

THE WRITING WE ADD

Module 2 compares the texts. Students explain one clear similarity or difference with evidence from both.

TWO WAYS TO RUN IT, TEACHER'S CHOICE

USING BLUEBONNET CORE CONTENT

Have students compare two Bluebonnet Renaissance sources and tell one way they agree or differ.

USING THE WRITING ACADEMY SUPPLEMENTAL CONTENT

Or use our Cluster 5 passages to compare two texts from our content.

A FIVE MINUTE BRIDGE

Ask students for one way two texts are alike and one way they differ. In five minutes they will frame a comparison.

CORE CURRICULUM CONNECTION ACTIVITY

THE CORE READING

Early American Civilizations

Bluebonnet Grade 5 Knowledge Unit

THE WRITING

Cluster 5 • Module 3 • The RRR Conclusion

Teach BIG™ Grade 5 • Paired Passage
Informational ECR

WHAT YOUR CLASS ALREADY KNOWS

Your students have studied the early American civilizations in Bluebonnet, the Maya, Aztec, and Inca. They can describe their cities, beliefs, and achievements.

THE WRITING WE ADD

Module 3 writes the conclusion. Students Restate the thesis, Reflect on the evidence, and Reinforce why it matters.

TWO WAYS TO RUN IT, TEACHER'S CHOICE

USING BLUEBONNET CORE CONTENT

Have students write an RRR conclusion for a Bluebonnet Early American Civilizations response.

USING THE WRITING ACADEMY SUPPLEMENTAL CONTENT

Or use our Cluster 5 passages and the RRR frame to close a paired answer from our content.

A FIVE MINUTE BRIDGE

Give students a thesis. Ask them to restate it and add one reflecting sentence. In five minutes they will have a conclusion.

CORE CURRICULUM CONNECTION ACTIVITY

THE CORE READING

Chemical Matter

Bluebonnet Grade 5 Knowledge Unit

THE WRITING

Cluster 5 • Module 4 • Building the Full Paired Response

Teach BIG™ Grade 5 • Paired Passage
Informational ECR

WHAT YOUR CLASS ALREADY KNOWS

Your students have studied matter and chemistry in Bluebonnet. They can explain how matter changes, and they are full of science facts ready to use.

THE WRITING WE ADD

Module 4 assembles the paper. Students give each sentence a job so the introduction and conclusion mirror each other.

TWO WAYS TO RUN IT, TEACHER'S CHOICE

USING BLUEBONNET CORE CONTENT

Have students color code a paired response about a Bluebonnet Chemical Matter topic by job.

USING THE WRITING ACADEMY SUPPLEMENTAL CONTENT

Or use our Cluster 5 passages to assemble a full paired response from our content.

A FIVE MINUTE BRIDGE

Ask students to color three sentences by job, thesis, evidence, and explanation. In five minutes they will see the whole paper.