close READING

Includes 4 high interest passages, three days of reading response pages, and an extension activity for students to complete.

Alex's Lemonade Stand

Once the weather gets warm and school lets out, children all across the country are left looking for something to do and a favorite summer time pastime is holding a lemonade stand. It is a fun way to make a little extra money and also pass the time. For Alex Scott, a lemonade stand was much, much more.

Alex was diagnosed with pediatric cancer before her first birthday. And when she was four years old she decided to open a lemonade stand with her brother to help raise money for children like herself, that were living with cancer. They opened up "Alex's Lemonade Stand for Childhood Cancer" on their own front lawn and in the first year raised more than $2,000! They decided their lemonade stand wou be an annual tradition. "Alex's Lemonade Stand for Childhood Cancer" gained some media attention and soon people all over the country sen donations to support Alex's cause. Alex and her family were featured on the news all over the country to raise awareness for her cause.

Alex lost her battle with cancer at the age of 8 and at that time her lemonade stand had raised $1,000,000 for cancer research. H parents decided to continue Alex's Lemonade Stand by setting up a foundation called "Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation" to help raise awareness for children with cancer and research treatments and cure

Since Alex started her first lemonade stand in 2000, "Alex's Lemonade Stand for Childhood Cancer" has raised over $100,000,000 fo pediatric cancer research. Long after Alex has been gone, her lemona stand has created a legacy for her that gives families of children with cancer hope for a cure.

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Passages include Alex's Lemonade Stand, Summer Olympics, Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest, and Honey Bees.

3rd Reading Alex's Lemonade Stand

Alex's Lemonade Stand gained media attention around the country which led to many donations. Why do you think Alex's Lemonade Stand gained so much attention? Use evidence from the text to support your answer:

1st Reading Alex's Lemonade Stand

Why did Alex start her lemonade stand? Use evidence from the text.

How did people around the country hear of Alex's Lemonade Stand?

Evidence from the text:

What does Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation do?

Evidence from the text:

What is paragraph 2 mostly about? Use evidence from the text.

The main idea of this whole passage is

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Extension Activity

Scan here to watch a short video about Alex & her lemonade stand.

If you had a lemonade stand, would you donate your earnings? Where would you like to donate the money you earn?

2nd Reading Alex's Lemonade Stand

The author states that Alex was diagnosed with pediatric cancer. What does **pediatric** mean?

Paragraph 1 states that lemonade stands are a favorite summertime **pastime**. What does **pastime** mean?

Which of the following words could best replace the word **annual** in paragraph 2?

a. yearly
b. special
c. weekly

What is the structure of this text?
a. Compare and contrast
b. Chronological order
c. Description

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Digital slides available for all four passages, reading response pages, and extension activities in Google Slides.

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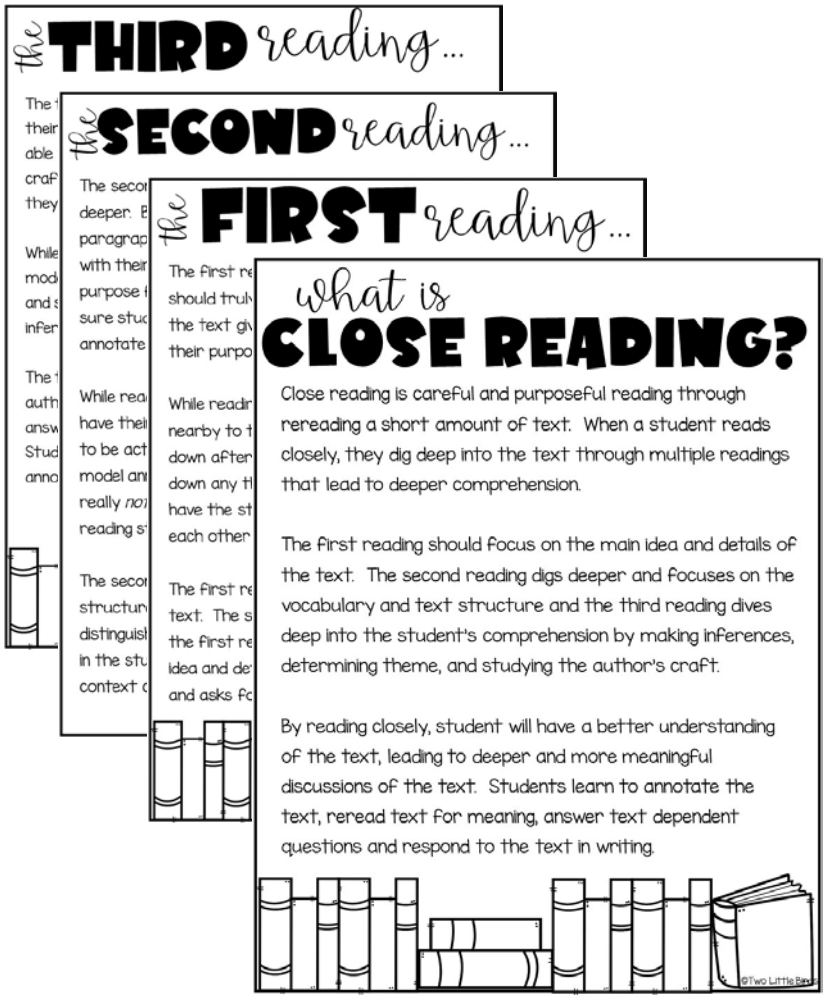

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Answer keys included