

LOSE READING

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

April Fools' Day

April Fools' Day is celebrated every year on April 1st. People celebrate April Fools' Day by playing practical jokes or pranks on each other. People shout, "April Fool," to let someone know they have been pranked. April Fools' Day has been celebrated for hundreds of years, but is not actually considered a holiday.

People all over the world celebrate April Fools' Day with different customs. In England, all pranks happen in the morning. Anyone that does a prank in the afternoon is considered the fool themselves. In Poland, April Fools' Day is celebrated with many hoaxes. Even the media gets involved to make the pranks even more believable. In Italy, France, and Belgium, April Fools' Day is also called "April Fish." People will play a joke by attaching a paper fish to someone's back without them knowing. Someone could have a fish on their back all day without knowing!

April Fools' Day has more participants each year since social media has become so popular. Pranksters can post their hijinks on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, where it can be seen by people around the world. Funny pranks can be seen, shared, and liked by a wider audience than ever before.

Passages include April Fools' Day, Earth Day, National Poetry Month, & The Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay.

2 nd Reading ◀ April Fools' Day	
Hoax	
Context Clues:	Meaning:
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Pranksters	

1 st Reading ◀ April Fools' Day	
What is paragraph 2 mostly about?	Why does someone shout "April Fool"?
a. How April Fools' Day started	_____
b. April Fools' Day around the world.	_____
c. The history of April Fools' Day.	_____
How could the media make a prank more believable in Poland?	Evidence from the text:
_____	_____
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Evidence from the text:	In what country do participants put paper fish on other's backs?
_____	a. France
_____	b. Poland
_____	c. England
_____	d. United States
The main idea of this whole passage is _____	

3 rd Reading ◀ April Fools' Day	
How does social media affect the pranks that people play on April Fools' Day?	
Your schema	Evidence from the text
	

April Fools' Day Extension Activity	
	Scan here to watch a short video about April Fools' Day.
	
Have you ever fooled someone on April Fools' Day? Tell about it below.	

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

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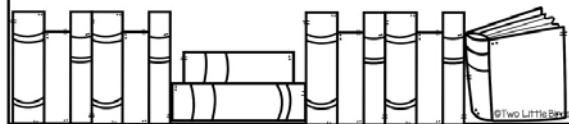
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CLOSE READING?

Close reading is careful and purposeful reading through rereading a short amount of text. When a student reads closely, they dig deep into the text through multiple readings that lead to deeper comprehension.

The first reading should focus on the main idea and details of the text. The second reading digs deeper and focuses on the vocabulary and text structure and the third reading dives deep into the student's comprehension by making inferences, determining theme, and studying the author's craft.

By reading closely, student will have a better understanding of the text, leading to deeper and more meaningful discussions of the text. Students learn to annotate the text, reread text for meaning, answer text dependent questions and respond to the text in writing.



Close reading tips for each reading

3rd Reading April Fools' Day

How does social media affect the pranks that people play on April Fools' Day?

2nd Reading April Fools' Day

Hoax

1st Reading April Fools' Day

<p>What is paragraph 2 mostly about?</p> <p>a. How April Fools' Day started <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. April Fools' Day around the world. c. The History of April Fools' Day.</p>	<p>Why does someone shout "April Fool"?</p> <p>To let someone know they have been pranked.</p> <p>Evidence from the text: Sufficient evidence from the text should be accepted.</p>
<p>How could the media make a prank more believable in Poland?</p> <p>If the media reports a story, people will be more likely to believe it.</p> <p>Evidence from the text: Sufficient evidence from the text should be accepted.</p>	<p>In what country do participants put paper fish on other's backs?</p> <p>a. France b. Poland c. England d. United States</p>

The main idea of this whole passage is April Fools' Day is celebrated by people all around the world by playing pranks in different ways.

Answer keys included