

What's included?

Themed short story



Story Escape Room **Section Three: *The Sound of Lyra***

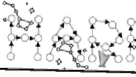
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Escape room puzzle to solve



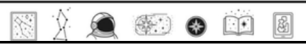
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Mission Celestia

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The Secret Word



Extension activities



Short Story Escape Room **Extension Task Ideas** Name: _____ Date: _____

Choose an activity from the ideas below.

Create your own constellation myth. Invent a new star constellation. Create a backstory and write a myth or legend to go with it. Include star names and a symbolic story.	Research report. Research a star constellation, for example Pegasus, Scorpius, Ursa Major. Find out its location, mythology, and visibility in the night sky. Include any other interesting facts.	Science and space vocabulary hunt. Reread the story and highlight all science-related words and phrases. Write a definition for them and write a sentence using them.	Creative writing prompt. "What happens after Luca reaches the Celestial Archive?" Write the next part of this science fiction story!
Starpath poster. Create a visual timeline or poster showing the constellations that Luca visits. Include quotes, illustrations, and excerpts from the story.	Coding connection. Use the cipher pigen code, or create your own code, to write a secret coded message.	Research Greek myths. Research and read about the Greek myths connected to the constellations in the story.	





Why you'll love it.

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- ✓ Unique reading activity
- ✓ Perfect for independent reading
- ✓ Digital and printable

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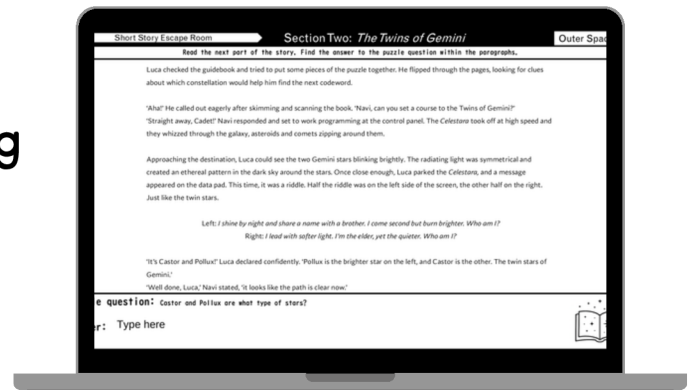
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Icons: A grid, a DNA helix, a planet, a star, a book, and a magnifying glass.



Ways to use this product.

- ✓ Independent reading practice
- ✓ Supplement explicit reading strategies
- ✓ Intervention task
- ✓ Homework activity
- ✓ Small group reading

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Section Two: *The Twins of Gemini*

Outer Space

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Luca checked the guidebook and tried to put some pieces of the puzzle together. He flipped through the pages, looking for clues about which constellation would help him find the next codeword.

'Aha!' He called out eagerly after skimming and scanning the book. 'Navi, can you set a course to the Twins of Gemini?'

'Straight away, Cadet!' Navi responded and set to work programming at the control panel. The *Celestara* took off at high speed and they whizzed through the galaxy, asteroids and comets zipping around them.

Approaching the destination, Luca could see the two Gemini stars blinking brightly. The radiating light was symmetrical and created an ethereal pattern in the dark sky around the stars. Once close enough, Luca parked the *Celestara*, and a message appeared on the data pad. This time, it was a riddle. Half the riddle was on the left side of the screen, the other half on the right. Just like the twin stars.

Left: *I shine by night and share a name with a brother. I come second but burn brighter. Who am I?*

Right: *I lead with softer light. I'm the elder, not the younger.*

Story Escape Room

Introduction: *The Galaxy*

Mission Celestia

In the distant future, travel amongst the stars is as common as driving down the road. Humans can travel across galaxies in the blink of an eye. Solar expeditions are the best way to learn more about the mysteries of the universe.

Some children choose to go to school in a classroom, while others attend an Orbiting Academy where experienced solar navigators train them to become space explorers.

At the Orion Academy of Galactic Science, Luca is a bright young cadet who has been training hard. He just learned that his instructor has assigned him a solo mission, and he's beaming with excitement.

With his space-bag carefully packed, Luca confidently walked along the pathway towards his starship. His classmates cheered for him, and he was ecstatic to be going on his first proper mission. He felt proud of his hard work, intense training, and lots of study over the past months.

The starship, the *Celestara*, was a sleek and modern vehicle. Engineers especially designed it for deep space exploration, and all the buttons and controls immediately intrigued Luca inside as he stepped inside.

As Luca looked around the shiny interior and made his way to the control deck, Navi, the ship's wise and witty AI bot, greeted him. Luca was grateful to have Navi for company and guidance for the mission.

The goal of Luca's mission was to study ancient stellar signals and uncover the hidden stories written in the stars.

'Here is your expedition guidebook,' Navi said in an automated voice and handed Luca a heavy book with golden letters on a red velvet cover. It seemed to have nearly 1,000 pages in its binding. 'Would you like a warm drink of tea while you read?' Navi asked.

'I might need a lot of cups of tea to get through this,' Luca exclaimed with a cheeky smile. Navi laughed with

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The Wordsmith Cat



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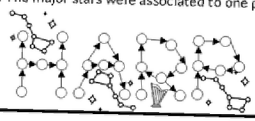
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