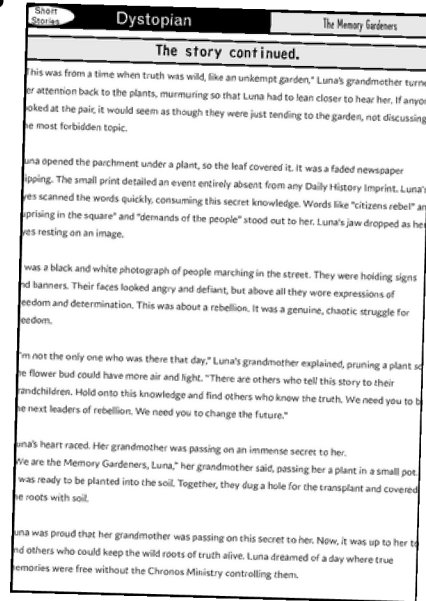


What's included?

Themed short stories



Comprehension tasks

Short Stories **Dystopian** **The Chrome Code**

Comprehension Questions

What is the first sentence in Elara's world?	
What information is displayed on Elara's Opti-panel?	
What does the daily food rating suggest about Elara's society?	
What does Elara discover in the loose panel in the street?	
What does color represent for Elara? How do you know this?	

Main Idea

What is the main idea of the story? Tick the sentence you think best explains the main idea.

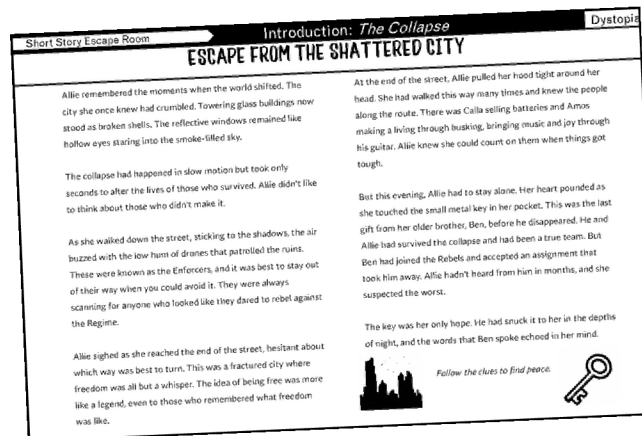
☐	Elara is unhappy with her job assignment and wants to change it.
☐	Even in a highly controlled society, small acts of discovery can spark hope and a longing for individuality.
☐	The Central Authority uses color to regulate its citizens' emotions and behavior.
☐	Elara enjoys going to school and learning.

Theme

What words best describe the theme of the story? Circle the words you think.

Conformity	Fantasy	Hope	Control	Adventure
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Reading escape room



Why you'll love it.



Engaging reading themes



DYSTOPIAN SOCIETY



OUTER SPACE



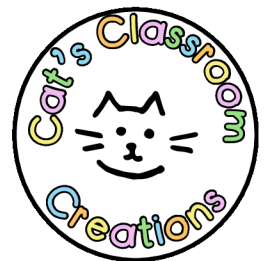
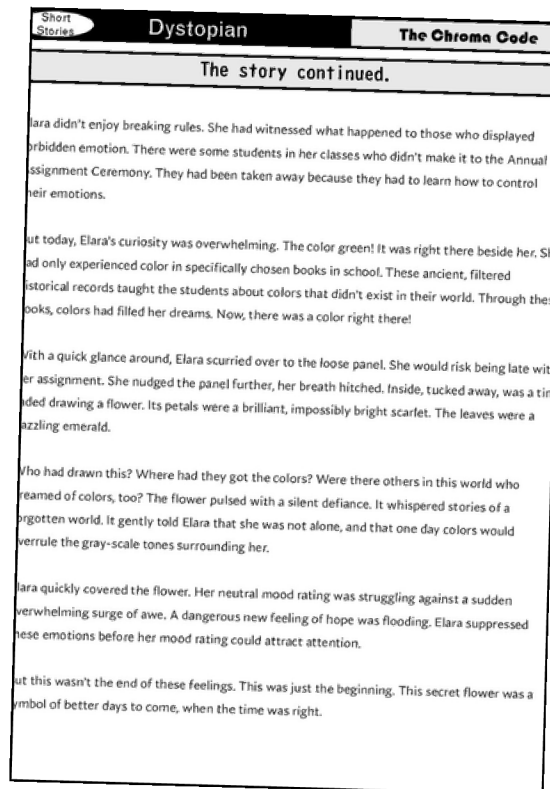
Easy to read short stories



GREEK MYTHOLOGY



Escape room with comprehension puzzles



Escape Rooms

Digital (PowerPoint)



9 part short story



Comprehension task per section



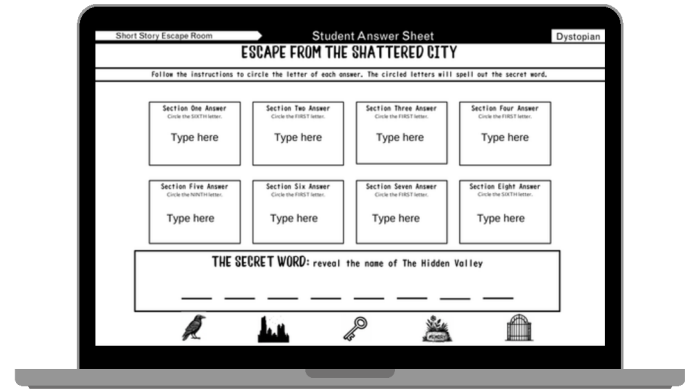
Collect 'clues' to unlock the main puzzle



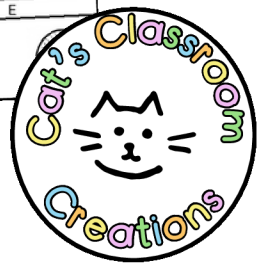
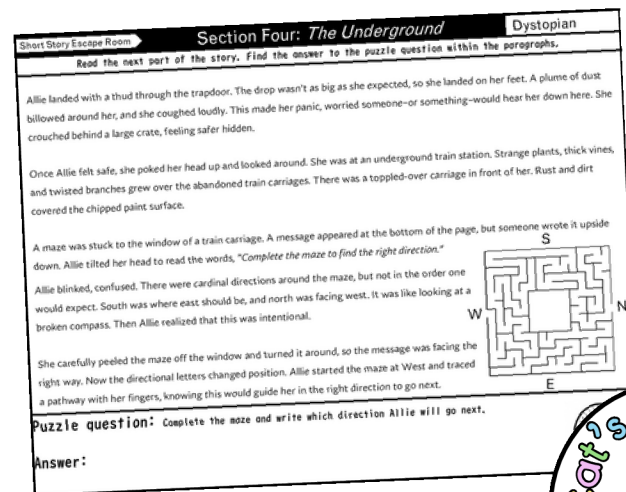
Printable and digital



Teacher instructions &
answer key included



Printable



Short Stories

→ 4 short stories per theme

→ Comprehension questions

→ Identify the main idea

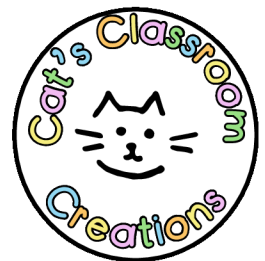
→ Identify the theme

→ Summarizing prompts

→ Extension activities

Short Stories	Outer Space	MERCURY MISSION
The story continued.		
ut Nova Kim couldn't ignore it. When everyone had returned to their posts, she ran simulation based on the frequencies and patterns from the audio. She found that the ship's descent path could lead them straight into a violent solar flare! hat night, Nova Kim stayed up late decoding another piece of the signal. It was a recording from another ship that had completed its orbit of Mercury. But the audio was damaged. Nova Kim used the patterns from the first audio to help repair the second recording. When she had figured out the rhythm, she played it and was shocked. he recording was a warning from the other ship's captain. Solar flares had hit their ship, and the crew had to evacuate into the safety capsules! Without delay, Nova Kim raced to the supervisor's room. Apologizing for the late hour, Nova Kim explained that she had proof of the danger waiting on their descent path. Her supervisor believed her. Together, they listened to the two recordings and ran simulations for how to steer the Stellan towards safety. They worked until their eyes were weary and had to get some sleep. First thing in the morning, Nova Kim and her supervisor raced to Captain Orion with their evidence of dangers and plans to guide the ship to safety. The Captain was impressed with their hard work, quick thinking, and initiative. The crew were able to redirect their descent path. As the ship made its way down to Mercury, every solar flare exploded in the distance, where the original path would have taken them. Nova Kim breathed a heavy sigh of relief as she looked out in awe and wonder at the dangers and beauty of the Solar System.		

Short Stories	Dystopian	The Memory Gardeners					
Comprehension Questions							
What is the purpose of the Daily History Imprint?							
What do Luna and her grandmother do while secretly talking?							
What is inside Luna's grandmother's locket?							
Why is the contents of the locket dangerous and significant?							
What is the role of a Memory Gardener?							
Main Idea							
What is the main idea of the story? Tick the sentence you think best explains the main idea. ☐ Luna is trying to find out what happened to her family during a past rebellion. ☐ In a society where history is controlled, hidden personal memories and artifacts are crucial for preserving the truth. ☐ The Chronos Ministry is failing to effectively erase all historical records. ☐ Gardening is a productive and healthy hobby.							
Theme							
What words best describe the theme of the story? Circle the words you think. <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Memory</td> <td>Fresh air</td> <td>Resistance</td> <td>Literature</td> <td>Nature</td> </tr> </table>			Memory	Fresh air	Resistance	Literature	Nature
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Ways to use this product.

✓ Independent reading practice

✓ Group reading task

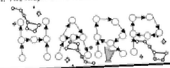
✓ Intervention task

✓ Homework activity

✓ ELA centers

✓ Comprehension tasks

Short Story				
Dystopian				
The Whispering Walls				
Comprehension Questions				
What are the Thought Monitors and what is their purpose?				
What happened to Anya's father and how did it change him?				
What is the topic of the daily Focus session?				
What symbol does Anya see on the wall, and what does it represent?				
How does Anya subtly rebel against the Thought Monitors?				
Main Idea				
What is the main idea of the story? Tick the sentence you think best explains the main idea.				
☐	Anya is trying to find a way to communicate with her re-educated brother, Leo.			
☐	In a society that controls thought, personal symbols and internal defiance can become powerful acts of resistance.			
☐	The Thought Monitors are flawed and sometimes miss forbidden thoughts.			
☐	There is no place for music in a futurist society.			
Theme				
What words best describe the theme of the story? Circle the words you think.				
☐ Defiance	☐ Friendship	☐ Censorship	☐ Memory	☐ Education

Short Story Escape Room	
Section Three: The Sound of Lyra	
Outer Space	
Read the next part of the story. Find the answer to the puzzle question within the paragraphs.	
With another puzzle solved, Luca returned to the guidebook to look for the next constellation. He was feeling more confident now. Furrowing his brow in concentration, Luca turned the pages, going back and forth between two different constellations. Finally, he decided. He rushed over to the control panel and set a course across the cosmos to the constellation Lyra. Navi spun around and keenly flashed its lights. As the Celestium neared the giant star Vega, a melody drifted through the control room. It had five clear tones that shimmered like stardust and made Luca feel calm. As the music settled in the room, the data pad lit up with a constellation pattern. The circles and lines rotated on the screen, moving in time with the music until they settled in place. As the melody played, arrows and circles of the constellation fit up in time with the music. The light beams and the melody were working together to form a glowing word within the pattern. "This data fragment is encoded in sound," Navi explained. "This music is helping me to focus!" Luca smiled. "I think I know what Lyra's constellation is trying to tell me. It has to do with Lyra once being known as the celestial musician. The major stars were associated to one particular instrument."	
	
question: What musical instrument the constellation of Lyra associated with?	
Type here	

