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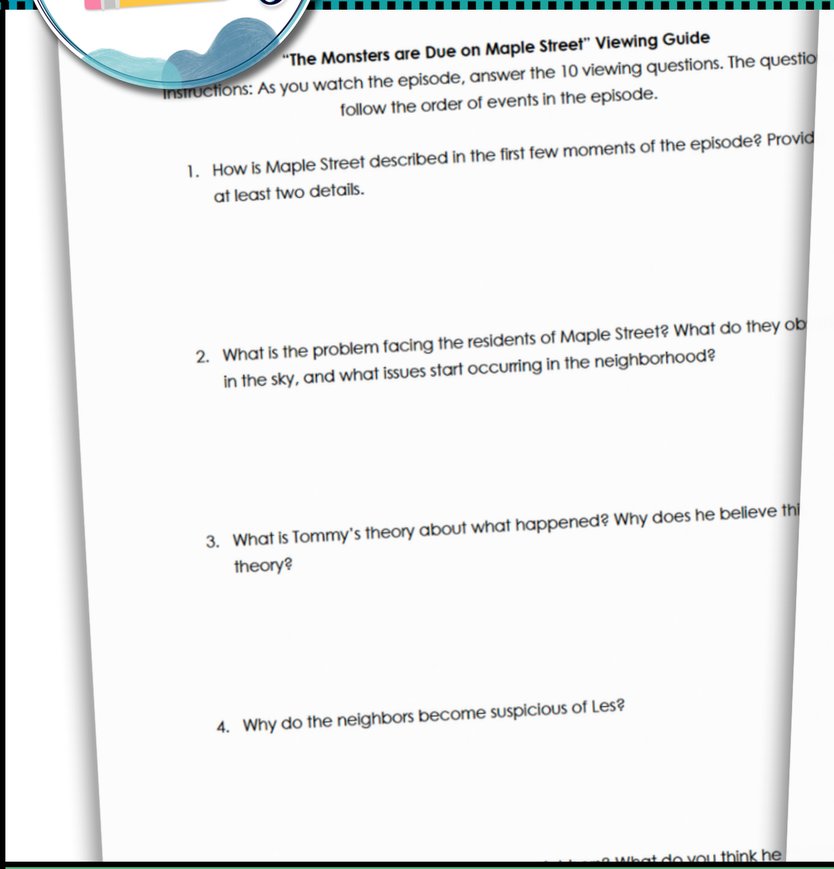

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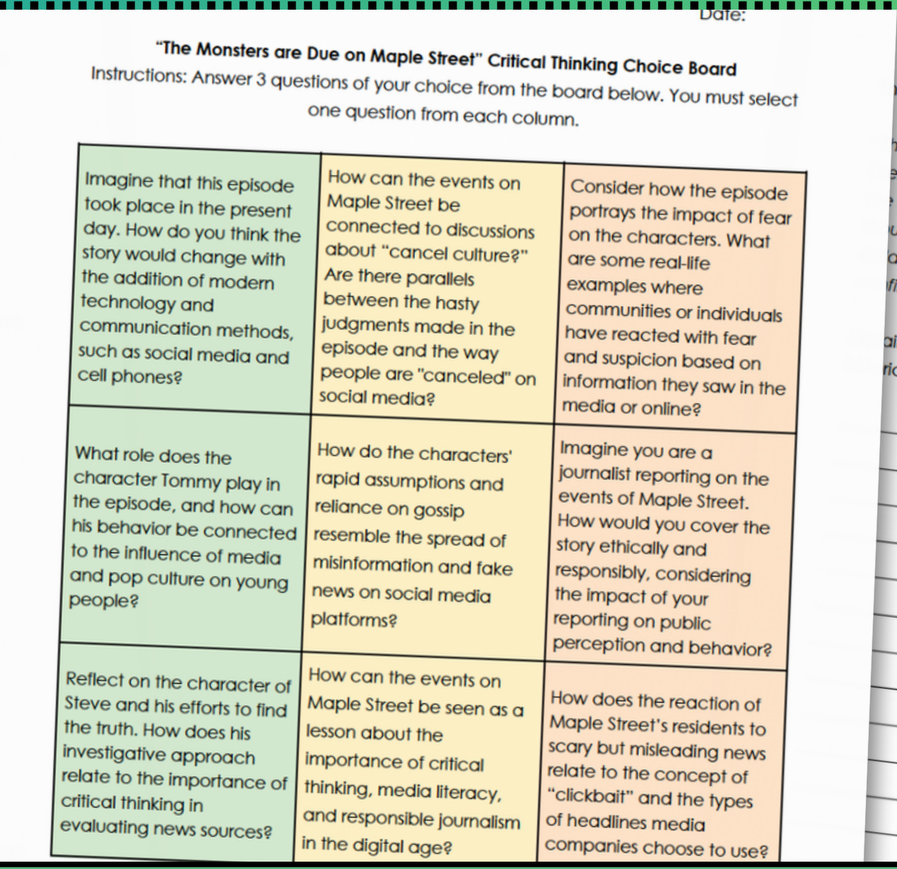

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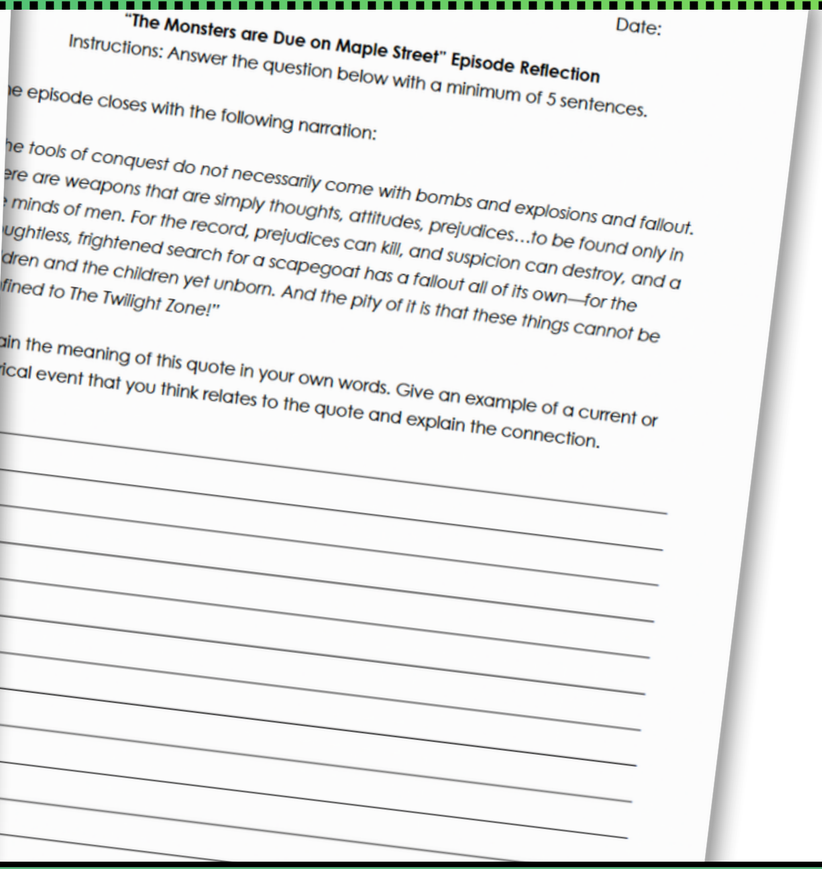
"The Monsters are Due on Maple Street" Critical Thinking Choice Board

Instructions: Answer 3 questions of your choice from the board below. You must select one question from each column.

Imagine that this episode took place in the present day. How do you think the story would change with the addition of modern technology and communication methods, such as social media and cell phones?	How can the events on Maple Street be connected to discussions about "cancel culture?" Are there parallels between the hasty judgments made in the episode and the way people are "canceled" on social media?	Consider how the episode portrays the impact of fear on the characters. What are some real-life examples where communities or individuals have reacted with fear and suspicion based on information they saw in the media or online?
What role does the character Tommy play in the episode, and how can his behavior be connected to the influence of media and pop culture on young people?	How do the characters' rapid assumptions and reliance on gossip resemble the spread of misinformation and fake news on social media platforms?	Imagine you are a journalist reporting on the events of Maple Street. How would you cover the story ethically and responsibly, considering the impact of your reporting on public perception and behavior?
Reflect on the character of Steve and his efforts to find the truth. How does his investigative approach relate to the importance of critical thinking in evaluating news sources?	How can the events on Maple Street be seen as a lesson about the importance of critical thinking, media literacy, and responsible journalism in the digital age?	How does the reaction of Maple Street's residents to scary but misleading news relate to the concept of "clickbait" and the types of headlines media companies choose to use?



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"The Monsters are Due on Maple Street" Episode Reflection

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Comprehension & reflection questions, PLUS a choice board with NEWS + MEDIA LITERACY CONNECTIONS! Perfect for ELA, Journalism, Sociology, and more!

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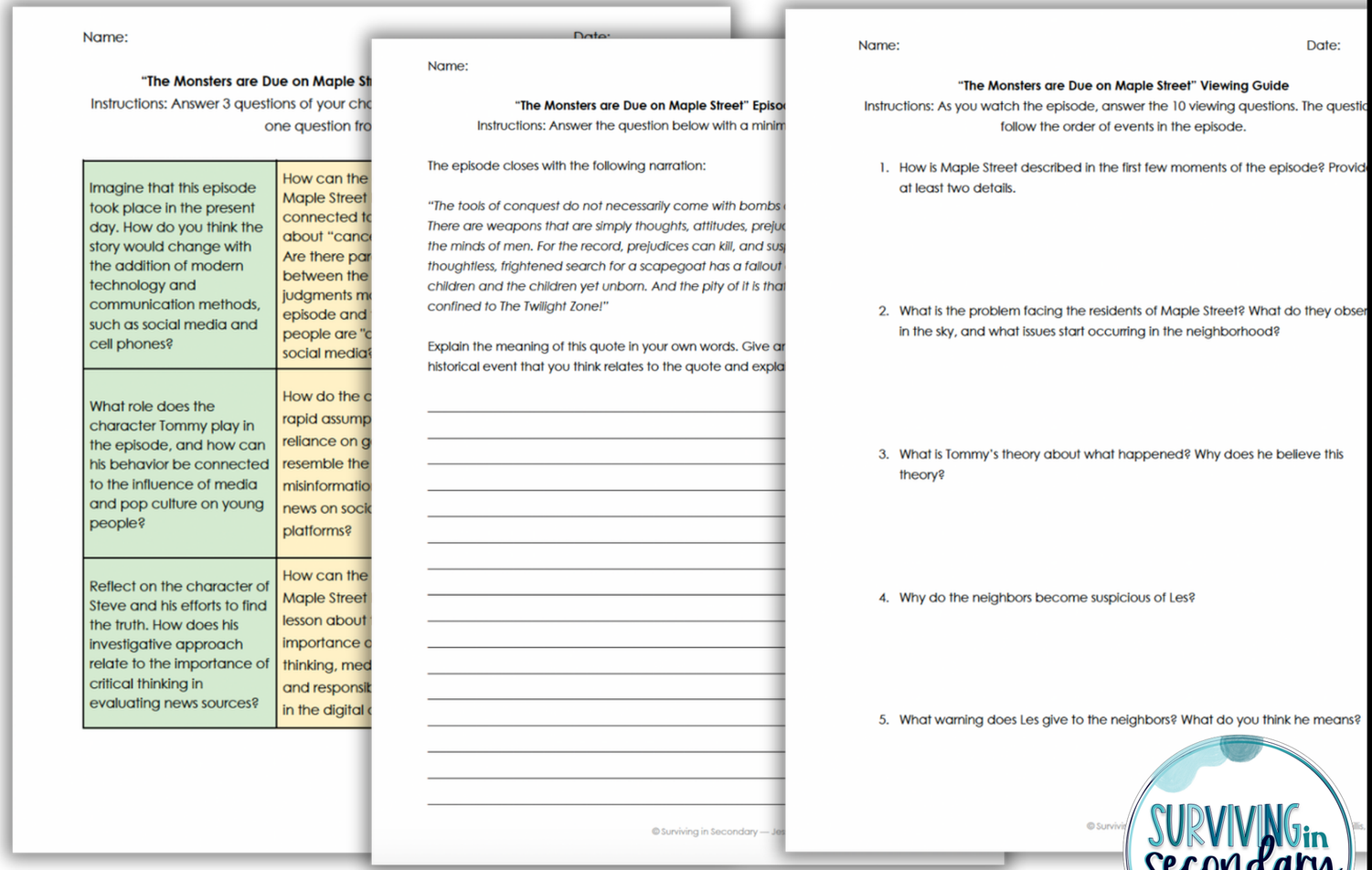
- Relevant modern tie-ins
- Built for differentiation
- Motivating and engaging

Answer key included!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