

What's included?

Themed short stories

Short Stories	Dystopian	The Memory Gardeners
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Comprehension tasks

Short Stories	Dystopian	The Chroma Code		
Comprehension Questions				
What is the First Directive in Elara's world?				
What information is displayed on Elara's Opti-panel?				
What does the daily mood 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



DYSTOPIAN SOCIETY



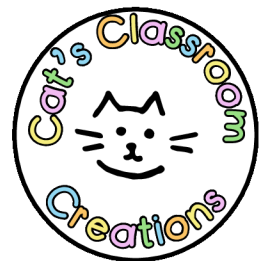
OUTER SPACE



GREEK MYTHOLOGY



HERO'S JOURNEY



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 back to 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.		

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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							
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Ways to use this product.

✓ Independent reading practice

✓ Group reading task

✓ Intervention task

✓ Homework activity

✓ ELA centers

✓ Comprehension tasks

Short Stories		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				
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Defiance	Friendship	Censorship	Memory	Education

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