

Imagery Poem

Imagery poems tickle our senses with their descriptive details. The details can appeal to our sense of sight, taste, hearing, smell or sound. The more descriptive and imaginative the words, the better the reader can imagine the setting or details of the poem and create an image or picture in their mind.

Read William Wordsworth's famous poem below for a good example of how imagery and other poetic devices were used to help paint a picture in the mind of the reader.

I Wandered Lonely As A Cloud

I wandered lonely as a Cloud
That floats on high o'er Vales and Hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd
A host of dancing Daffodils;
Along the Lake, beneath the trees,
Ten thousand dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced, but they
Outdid the sparkling waves in glee: --
A poet could not but be gay
In such a laughing company:
I gazed -- and gazed -- but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude,
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the Daffodils.

William Wordsworth

Questions for Discussion

1. Underline specific examples of imagery found in the poem. Underline the specific lines that help you imagine what the poet is looking at.
2. How do these lines help "paint a picture" of the scene that Wordsworth is describing?
3. What is your favorite example of imagery? Explain why it is your favorite.
4. Besides imagery what other poetic devices does Wordsworth use to help create the images?
5. What season do you think the poet is describing? Use evidence from the poem to support your answer.

William Wordsworth lived in Northern England and loved to walk among the hills and lakes of his homeland. His strong connection to nature is shown in this poem as he describes the beauty of the landscape and the peaceful memory it provides him.

What place do you connect with? What special place in the world provides you with peaceful memories?

Poetry Writing Assignment

Using the brainstorming sheet, write your own poem about using imagery.

Imagine your favorite place and think of as many descriptive details that you can. Keep in mind that not all of the senses have to be included in your poem.

"Paint a picture" with your words—be creative and imaginative What "figures of speech" can you include to enhance your writing? Can you think of a simile or metaphor? Use rhyme or alliteration? Personification?

Answer Key

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Questions for Discussion

1. Underline specific examples of imagery found in the poem. How does Wordsworth's poem appeal to our senses?
2. How do these lines help "paint a picture" of the scene that Wordsworth is describing?
- answers will vary
3. What is your favorite example of imagery? Explain why it is your favorite.
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4. Besides imagery what other poetic devices does Wordsworth use to help create the images?
- see below
5. What season do you think the poet is describing? Use evidence from the poem to support your answer.
- Spring—that's when daffodils bloom
- "dancing daffodils along the lake, beneath the trees"

#4—Students will hopefully find the following—will vary depending on grade level / ability

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|----------|---|--|
| Stanza 1 | { | - Lonely as a cloud: simile
- dancing Daffodils: personification, alliteration
- ten thousand: hyperbole
- a crowd: metaphor
- dancing in the breeze: simile |
| Stanza 2 | { | - Continuous as the stars that shine: simile
- never-ending line: hyperbole
- ten thousand saw I: hyperbole
- Tossing their heads in sprightly dance: personification |
| Stanza 3 | { | - waves beside them dance: personification
- outdid the sparkling waves in glee: personification
- What wealth the show to me had brought: metaphor |
| Stanza 4 | { | - dances with the daffodils: personification |

Imagery Poem Brainstorming

Name: _____

Sight

Touch

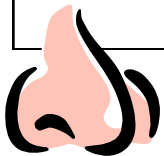


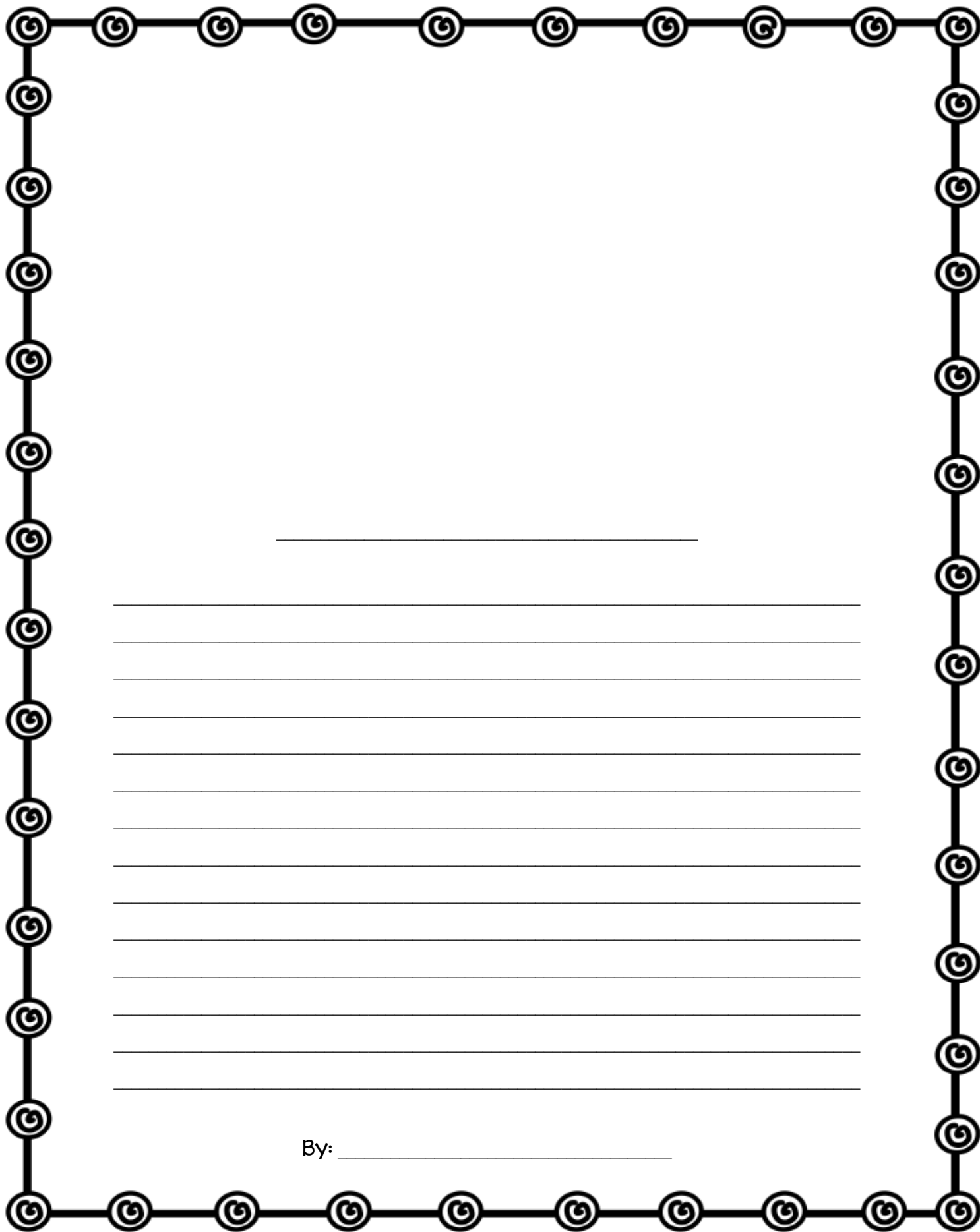
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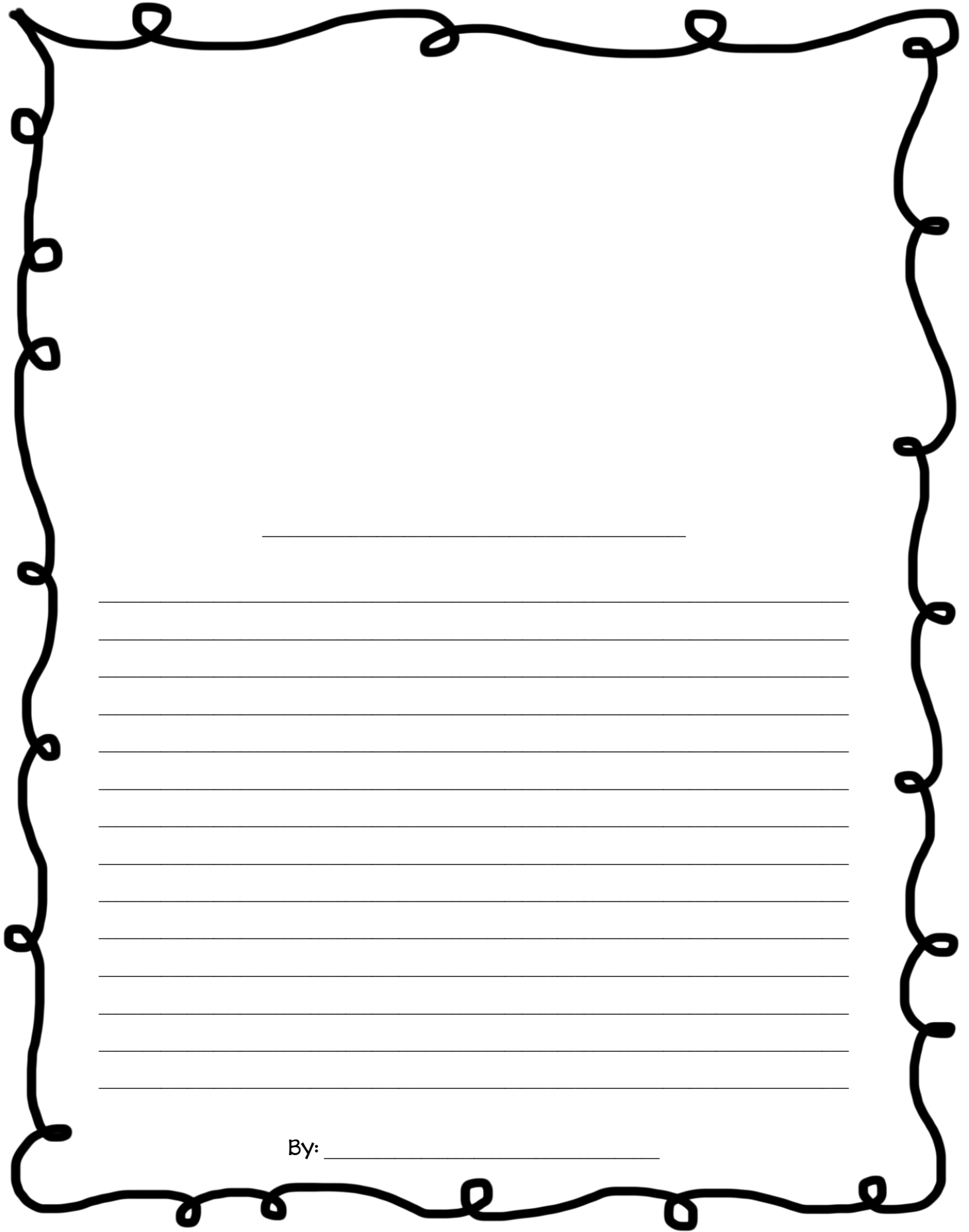
Sound

Taste





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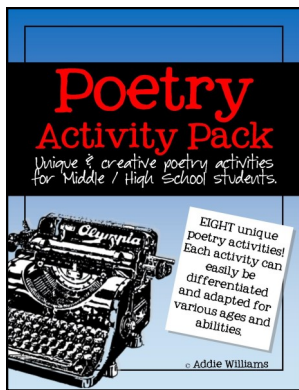
Imagery Poetry Rubric

Name: _____

	Needs More Work 2 marks	Good Start 3 marks	Well Done! 4 marks	WOW! 5 marks
<u>Meaning</u> Ideas and information Use of detail.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> poem may be very short, illogical, or not original little detail and description little / no sense of audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> simple, concrete poem; with some originality some detail & description; some parts better than others limited sense of audience; focuses on form rather than impact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> straightforward original poem uses descriptions & vivid details to develop ideas some sense of audience; offers some impact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> creative, complex and original poem uses detail & description to develop ideas and themes sense of audience; creates an emotional impact or makes a point
<u>Style / Form</u> Poetic form & imagery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> little attempt to create images; seems illogical little figurative language or use of poetry techniques 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> some attempts to create images; often literal and concrete attempted simple figurative language and poetry techniques 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> some sensory and figurative language to create images tries to create imagery effects with figurative language and other poetry techniques. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> vivid and descriptive sensory images figurative language, has some originality & impact with imagery
<u>Spelling and Grammar</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> frequent errors in simple language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> errors in basic language are noticeable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> some noticeable errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> occasional errors when writer takes risks

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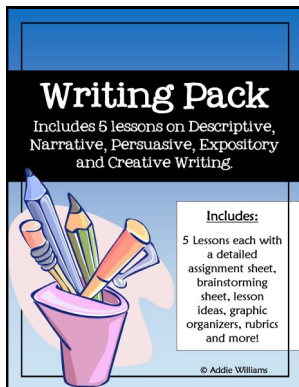


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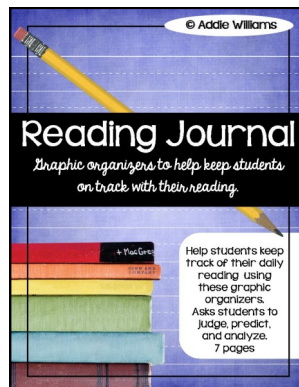
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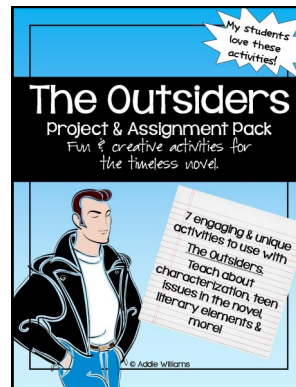
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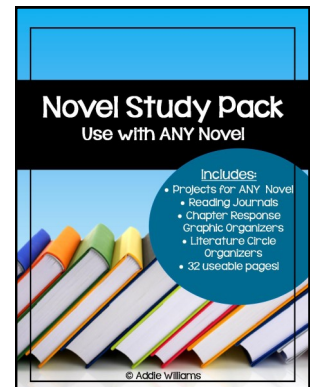


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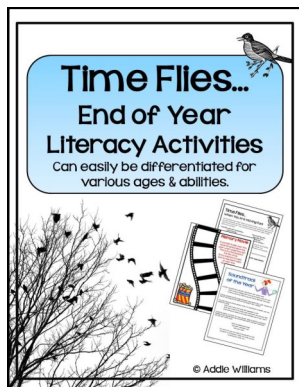
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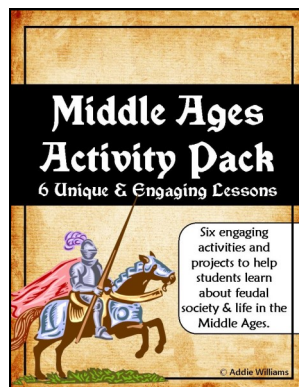
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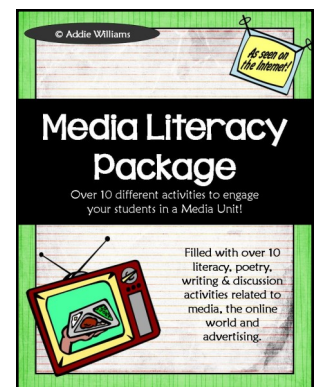
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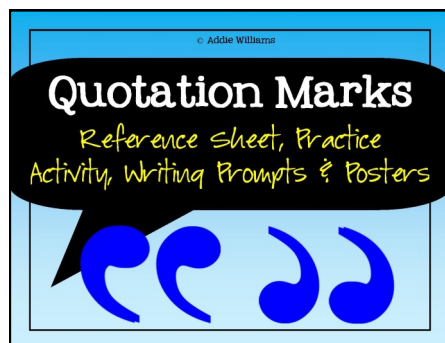


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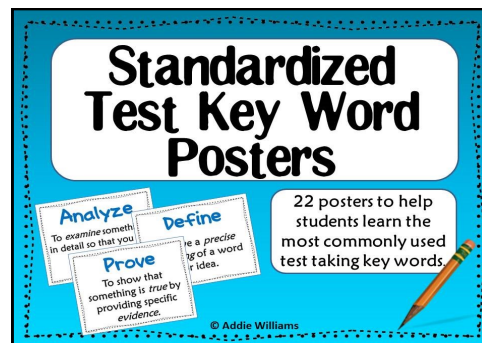
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