Pax

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Which version of this unit do I need?

Version	Links to Digital Resources	Vocabulary Practice	Comprehension Questions	Constructed Writing Prompts	Skill Practice
Pax Digital + Printable	√	√	√	√	√
Pax Printable		√	√	√	√
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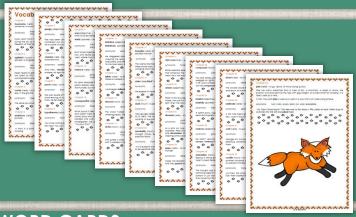


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VOCABULARY RESOURCES



WORD LIST

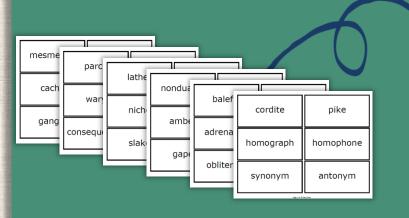
Students practice with two focus words for each reading selection. A wordlist with definitions, synonyms, and sample sentences from the story is included.

VOCABULARY BOOKMARKS



WORD CARDS

PRACTICE BOOK





TEST WITH ANSWER KEY



PRINTABLE & DIGITAL VOCABULARY

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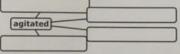


Chapters 1-2 [mesmerize and agitated]

 Circle six words in the box that are synonyms of mesmerize.

hypnotize	tire	drag	
yawn	thrill	spellbind	
waste	captivate	weary	
bore	charm	fascinate	

2. Fill in the word web with synonyms for agitated.



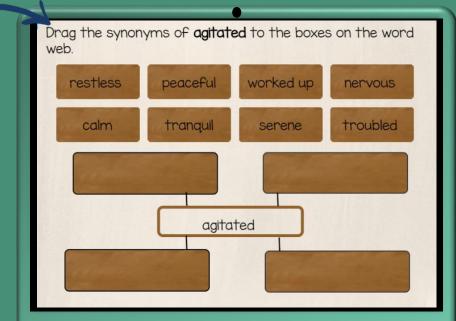
Fill in the blanks with forms of either mesmerize or agitated.

- The ______baby began to cry.

 4. The ______voice of the performers kept the audience spellbound.
- 5. When he talks about the problem, He becomes
- 6. The crowd was ______ by the magician.
 7. What a _____ act the acrobats
- performed.

 8. Mother spoke with an voice when she learned we hadn't done our chores.

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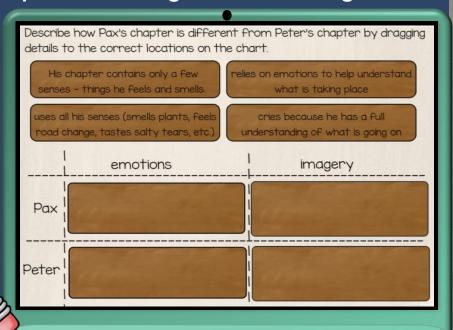


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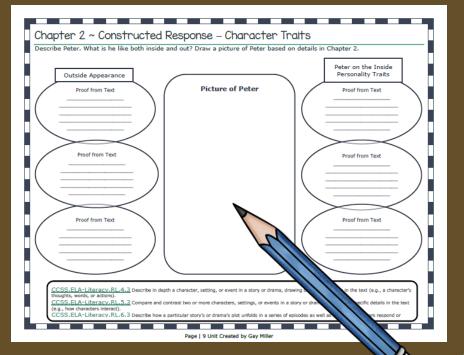
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	Explain the joke. Why did the grandfather laugh?

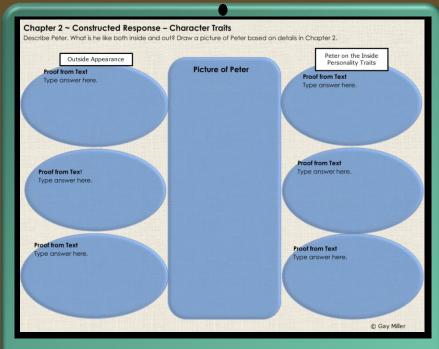
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16 Constructed Response Questions



Digital writing prompts are provided through Google Slides.



Your units absolutely ROCK!!!
This has been my MOST favorite
unit of those I purchased for
Pax and by far the BEST and
MOST extensive! I have loved it,
and my kids have done very
well! Thank you!

— Karen D.

I loved using this with my kids during our novel study. I was assured that they were staying focused. It is a well thought out unit and in depth. It helps my kids further their comprehension. Thank You!

— Jennifer A.

Fantastic!! This resource has it all. I picked and chose what to provide to my students but was able to differentiate with all the materials provided. Thank you!!

— Mattie S.

It helped my student have a more deeper understanding of the text in a way that wasn't overwhelming but engaging and challenging. We're having a lot of enjoyment unpacking the text. Thanks so much!

— Colour Your World

I loved this resource for our novel study of Pax. I thought the unit was excellent and there were so many activities for my students.

— Tiana F.

This worked out great with my higher level students. The questions were challenging and were much better than basic recall questions.

— Dawn F.



This is an incredibly valuable resource! The detailed content for vocabulary, comprehension and figurative language pairs beautifully with my lessons reading Pax with my student. It has provided me with materials for before, during and after reading content and includes fun game activities as well. Thank You!!

Elizabeth B.

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— Jennifer A.

My son hates reading but loves animals. While it was an easy read for him, the activities reinforced strengthened concepts he had already covered in grammar. Well put together and thorough.

- Meredith B.

SKILL LESSONS

Amazing Foxes

Foxes are amazing animals. Some of their special talents include excellent hearing and speed. They can hear lowfrequency sounds and rodents digging underground. Foxes can run up to 30 miles per hour. The red fox can jump 6 1/2 feet high. The fox uses its tail like a blanket to stay warm.



What is the author's purpose?

- a) persuade
- b) inform c) entertain
- d) explain
- e) describe

The expression "Don't let the fox guard the henhouse" is a Underline adjectives (excluding articles) found in It means ---the passage.

Use this expression in a sentence.

What does henhouse m

What does as sly as a fox

Write the simile found in the

What is the base word of

Write the compound word

from the passage.

passage.

excellent?

Order the words that describe the color of foxes by shades from lightest to darkest.

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mahogany

blush

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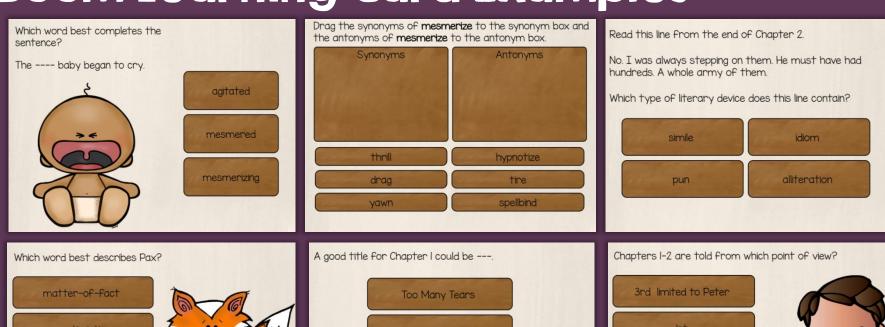








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- Table of Contents for the Digital + Printable Version
- Lesson Plans at a Glance for the Full Unit

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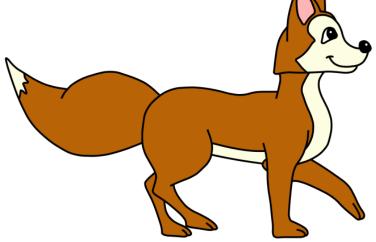
The First Reading Selection plus Answer Keys (These pages are found in all versions of this unit.)

- Vocabulary Practice
- Comprehension Questions
- Constructed Response Writing Prompt (with and without the Common Core Standards)

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Lesson Plans at a Glance Important Note: The chapter lengths in this novel are inconsistent. Because of this, Chapters 9-11 and Chapters 30-32 are grouped together. All the other assignments are two chapters in length. Comprehension Vocabulary Words and Read Constructed Response Skill Practice Practice Book Practice Question Chapters 1-2 Varying Sentences mesmerize Page 1 Chapters **Character Traits** agitated 1-2 Organizers Chapters 3-4 Chapters Cause and Effect Varying Sentences cache Page 2 3-4 Practice emblazon Varying Sentences Chapters 5-6 gangly Page 3 Chapters Setting clamber 5-6 **Practice** Chapters 7-8 Point of View Fact Sheets on parch Page 4 Chapters 7-8 Foxes with Skills hypothermia Chapters 9-11 Fact Sheet on wary Page 5 Chapters Summarizing menace 9-11 Medicinal Herbs with Skills Chapters 12-13 Adages and consequential Chapters Comparing Page 6 **Proverbs** tentative 12-13 Characters Organizers "Philosophy Bingo" Chapters 14-15 Comparing lather Page 7 Chapters 14-15 (Adages and discord Characters Proverbs) Chapters 16-17 Conflict Organizer niche Chapters Acrostic -Page 8 brandish 16-17 Summarizing Chapters 18-19 slake Page 9 Chapters Problem and Conflict Practice skulk 18-19 Solution Chain Chapters 20-21 nonduality Chapters Point of Figurative Page 10 vital 20-21 View/Perspective Language Organizers Chapters 22-13 Figurative Language Figurative amber Page 11 Chapters 22-13 disorient Language Response Cards Chapters 24-25 Page 12 Chapters Context Clues gape Summarizing 24-25 composure Organizers Chapters 26-27 Context Clues baleful Page 13 Chapters Mood 26-27 ominous Games Chapters 28-29 adrenaline Page 14 Chapters Symbolism Compare and divert 28-29 Contrast Organizers Chapters 30-32 obliterate Page 15 Chapters Theme Father/Son 30-32 cant Activity Chapters 33-34 cordite Father/Son Essay Page 16 Chapters Plot Development 33-34 pike Vocabulary Test

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Chapters 33-34 [cordite and pike]

1. Circle six words in the box that are synonyms of **pike.**

dash	fall behind	scat
dally	hang around	waste time
scurry	skedaddle	lag
loiter	dart	run

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Matching - Write a, b, c, or d in each blank to match the best word to its definition.

2 cordite	a) to destroy completely
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4 pike	c) to lean
5 obliterate	d) explosive

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2. Fill in the word web with synonyms for **agitated**.

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Fill in the blanks with forms of either **mesmerize** or **agitated**.

	agitated.
3.	The baby began to cry.
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5.	When he talks about the problem, he becomes
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6. **Cordite** was used from 1889 to 1945. Why do you think the author chose to use this word instead of a more common term such as black powder, gunpowder, or propellant?

Answers will vary. Note: Cordite smells similar to nail polish remover as acetone is its primary ingredient. The author might have been going for this smell in the imagery.

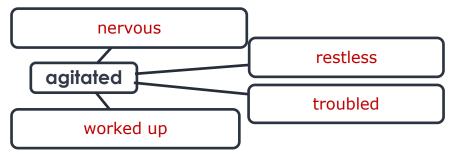
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7. List two ways the reader knows that this story takes place in the 1900s or 2000s.	No. I was always stepping on them. He must have had hundreds. A whole army of them. Which type of literary device does this line contain? a. simile b. idiom c. pun d. alliteration Explain the joke. Why did the grandfather laugh?

Chapter 2 ~ Constructed Response – Character Traits

Describe Peter. What is he like both inside and out? Draw a picture of Peter based on details in Chapter 2.

Peter on the Inside **Personality Traits Outside Appearance Picture of Peter** Proof from Text Proof from Text

<u>CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.4.3</u> Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., a character's thoughts, words, or actions).

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	emotions	imagery
Pax	Pax relies on emotions to help understand what is taking place.	Pax uses all his senses (smells plants, feels road change, tastes salty tears, etc.)
Peter	Peter cries because he has a full understanding of what is going on.	Peter's chapter is more about feeling emotions. He does mention the things he feels and smells.

6. Read the following lines from Chapter 2.

Six months — maybe more — of living here with his grandfather, who always seemed on the verge of blowing up.

How does Peter feel about staying with his grandfather?

- a. excited
- b. dreaded
- c. okay
- d. content

What is the most likely reason Peter's grandfather is always angry?

He is grieving the loss of his wife.

7. List two ways the reader knows that this story takes place in the 1900s or 2000s.

Clues

- The family drives a car.
- Peter plays with plastic green army men which had belonged to his father. Unpainted green plastic army men were first made in the early 1950s.
- Grandfather watched television.
- Peter has a camouflage T-shirt. These were not widely worn until the 1970s.
- Duct tape was invented in 1942.

8 Read this line from the end of Chapter 2.

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Which type of literary device does this line contain?

- a. simile
- b. idiom
- c. pun
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Explain the joke. Why did the grandfather laugh?

Grandfather called the large group an army. The reason this is funny is because he is talking about toy soldiers. A group of soldiers is an army.

Chapter 2 ~ Constructed Response – Character Traits (Answer Key)

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Outside Appearance

Proof from Text

You've got the same black hair as your dad.

Proof from Text

And look, he was scrawny then, too, same as you, same as me, with those ears like a jug.

Proof from Text

He locked his gaze on his two humans, surprised to notice that they were nearly the same height now. The boy had grown very tall recently.

Picture of Peter



Peter on the Inside Personality Traits

Proof from Text

He was twelve and he hadn't cried for years, not even when he'd fractured his thumb bare-handing Josh Hourihan's pop fly. That had hurt a lot, but he'd only cursed through the pain waiting with the coach for X-rays. Man up. But today, twice.

Proof from Text

loyal - He plans to go find his fox.

Proof from Text

tenderhearted - He remembers the story of the rabbit as being one of his two worst memories.

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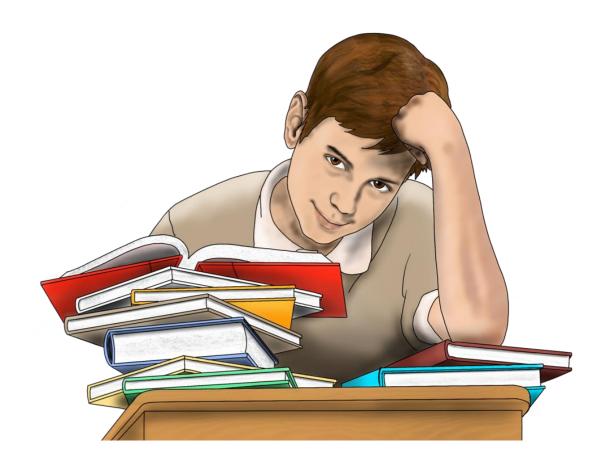
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Student Packet without Common Core Standards

Important Update

Originally 46 states adopted the Common Core State Standards. Many teachers have commented that they love having the standards on pages with constructed response writing prompts for accountability reasons. Now educational trends are changing. Many states have repealed Common Core and adopted their own state standards. To meet the needs of teachers both using and not using Common Core Standards, I have opted to provide the writing questions both with and without standards.

To make creating a printable student packet easier, the comprehension and constructed response questions are both included in this section.

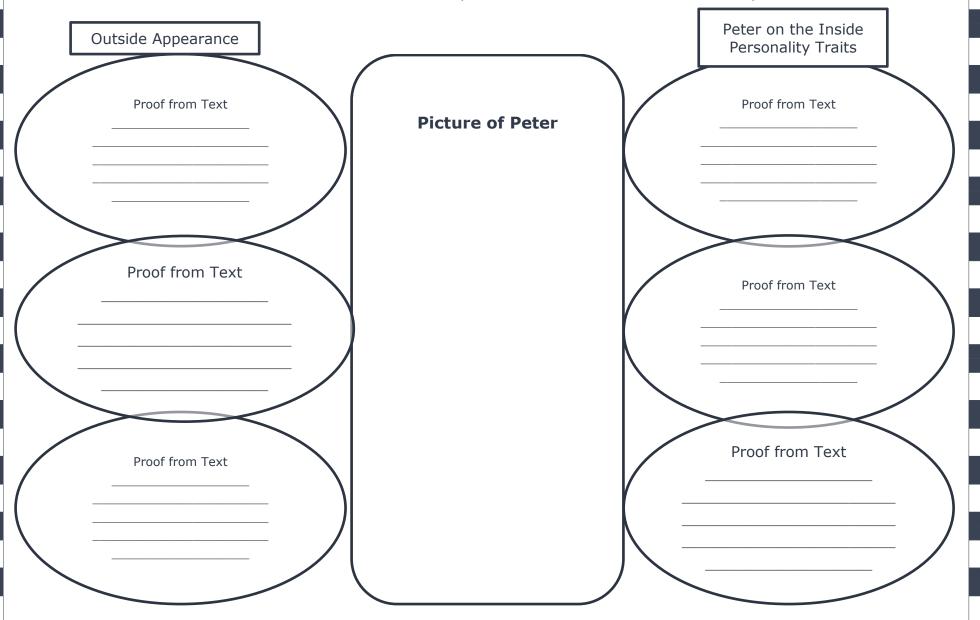


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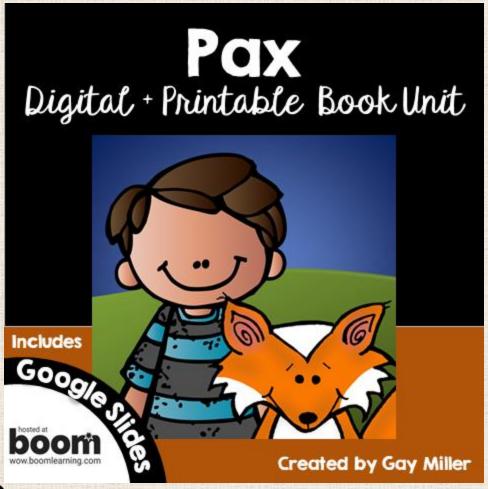
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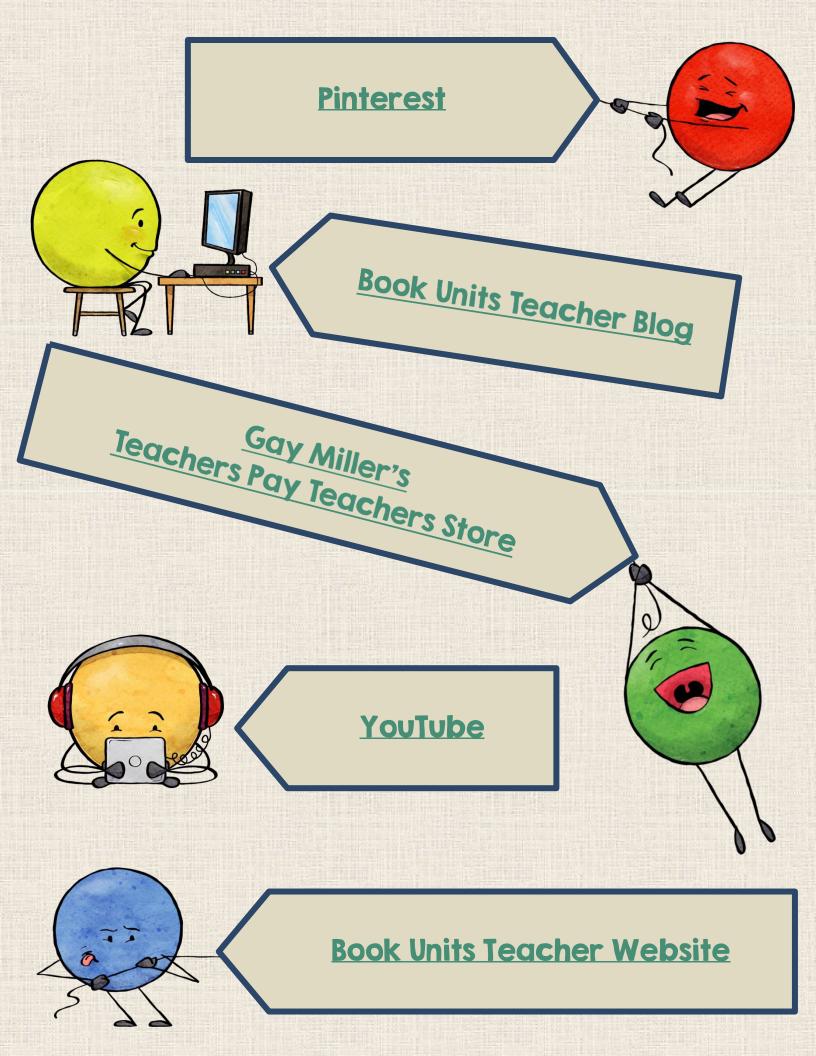
















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