



Graphic Novels Format/ Genre Study Unit



Designed for 1st or 2nd Grades

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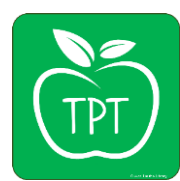


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I believe teacher-librarians and library spaces should inspire and empower students to create, as well as read, research, and think critically. I teach with literature-based activities in K-2 classes and library centers in grades 3-5, in addition to teaching collaboratively with classroom teachers and managing my library's physical and digital spaces. You can find me online at [Mrs. J in the Library](https://www.mrsjinthelibrary.com), and on social media.

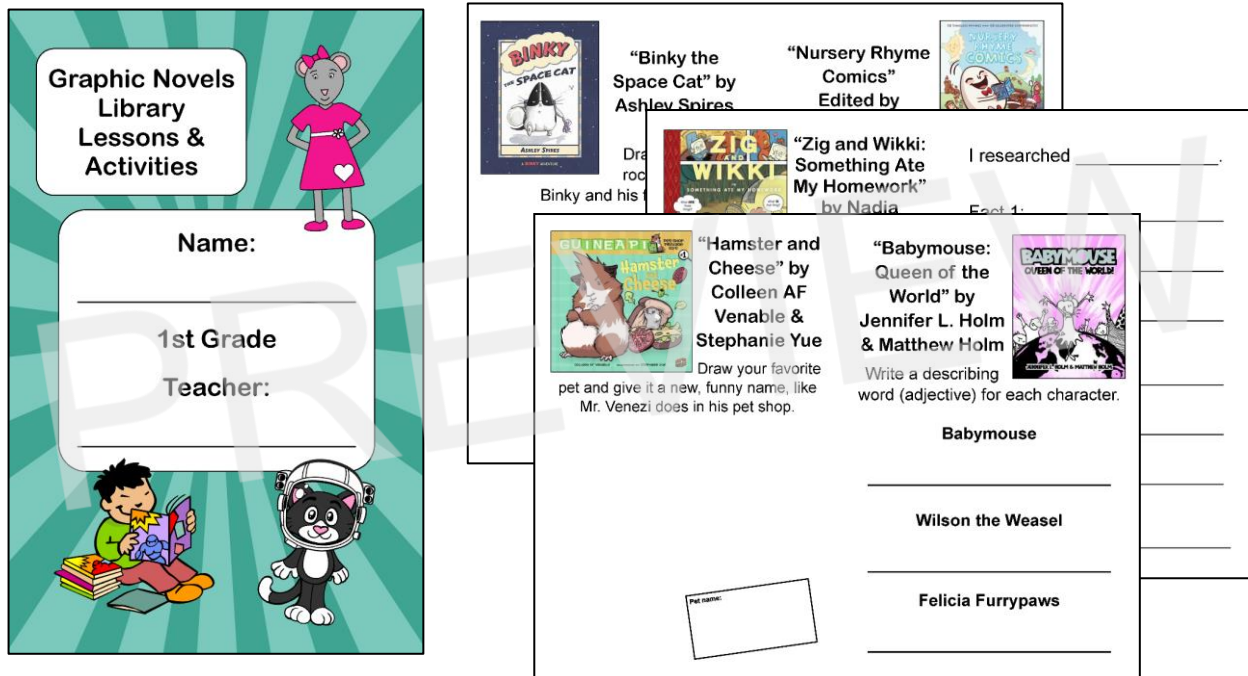
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Product Contents:

After-Reading Response Activities in Printable Booklets

Editable in Microsoft PowerPoint;
Easy-to-print PDF file also included.



Editable Lesson Plans aligned to
National Common Core, Pennsylvania Core
Standards, & 2018 AASL National Library
Standards; Microsoft Word file format

Links to Supplemental Online Resources

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1. This genre study of **read-aloud graphic novels** is designed for **1st grade**, and the lesson plans are aligned accordingly. By substituting different standards, however, it could easily be adapted for 2nd or 3rd grade study of picture book graphic novels. This product also works great as a literacy or listening center.
2. **The books read aloud are:** (affiliate links below)
 - “Binky the Space Cat” by Ashley Spires (buy on [BookShop](#) or [Amazon](#))
 - “Babymouse: Queen of the World” by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm (buy on [BookShop](#) or [Amazon](#))
 - “Zig and Wikki: in Something Ate My Homework” by Nadja Spiegelman & Trade Loeffler (buy on [BookShop](#) or [Amazon](#))
 - “Hamster and Cheese” by Colleen AF Venable & Stephanie Yue (buy on [BookShop](#) or [Amazon](#))
 - “Nursery Rhyme Comics” edited by Chris Duffy (read excerpts, buy on [BookShop](#) or [Amazon](#))
3. A document camera or similar device to project the book pages on a larger screen is helpful when reading these books aloud, though not strictly necessary.
4. To **make the booklets**, print them double-sided, then fold the booklets in half and staple them.
5. **I don't “grade” the activities** other than through formative assessment. I circulate the room after students have checked out books to make sure they are on task. Sometimes, I use a checklist to see that everyone completes the reading response for the book. Other times, I ask a few students to share their responses with the class.
6. There is **no answer key needed**, because most of the responses have to do with student text-to-self connections. When there is a right or wrong answer, you will easily know what the correct answer is when you read the book.
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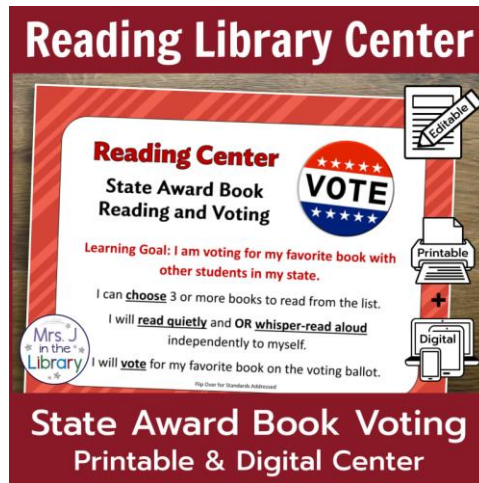
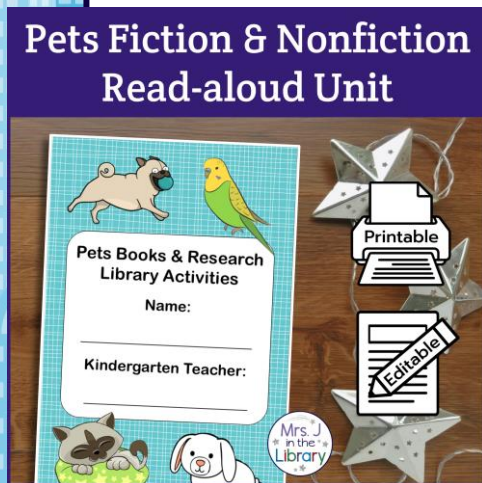
1. The “**Zig and Wikki**” graphic novel is made by TOON Books publishers, and their website has some amazing resources for teaching with comics and graphic novels. There are more graphic novel read-alouds of TOON Books can be found at: <https://www.toon-books.com/read-along-videos.html>.
2. Stephanie Yue’s website has more of her art including the “**Hamster and Cheese**” and the other books in the “Guinea Pig: Pet Shop Private Eye” series on her website that could be projected. Stephanie was also the illustrator of *Hickory Dickory Dock!* in “**Nursery Rhyme Comics.**” Stephanie’s website is at: <http://stephanieyue.com/index.php>.
3. “**Babymouse**” has a [book trailer](#) on YouTube to introduce your lesson, and the 2009 “Classroom Cast” video has a good interview of both Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm. The quality isn’t amazing, but the content fits well for students. Start about 1/3 of the way through the video: <https://youtu.be/UASwbHZVHrY>
Note - The website, www.babymouse.com is no longer active.
4. Some of the graphic novels can be **viewed on EPIC!**
 - “Binky the Space Cat”:
<https://www.getepic.com/book/7000413/binky-the-space-cat>
 - “Hamster and Cheese”:
<https://www.getepic.com/book/6863760/pet-shop-private-eye-1-hamster-and-cheese>
 - “Zig and Wikki”:
<https://www.getepic.com/book/80668601/zig-and-wikki-in-something-ate-my-homework>



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