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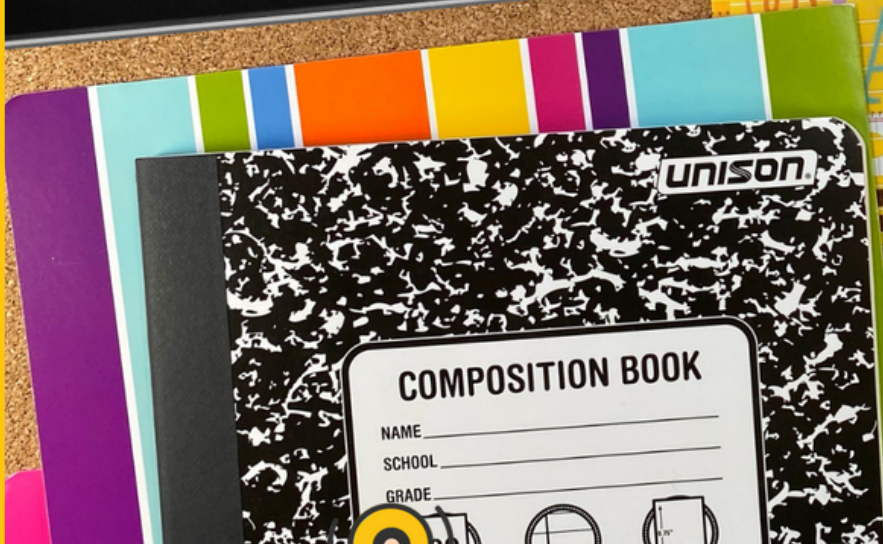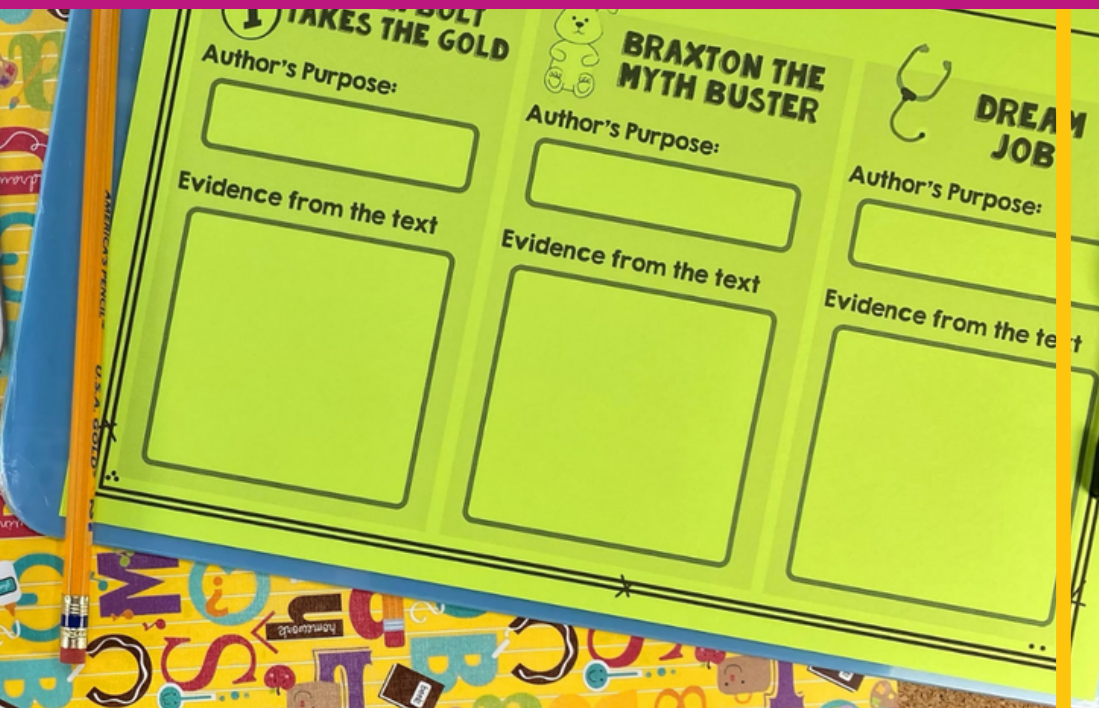
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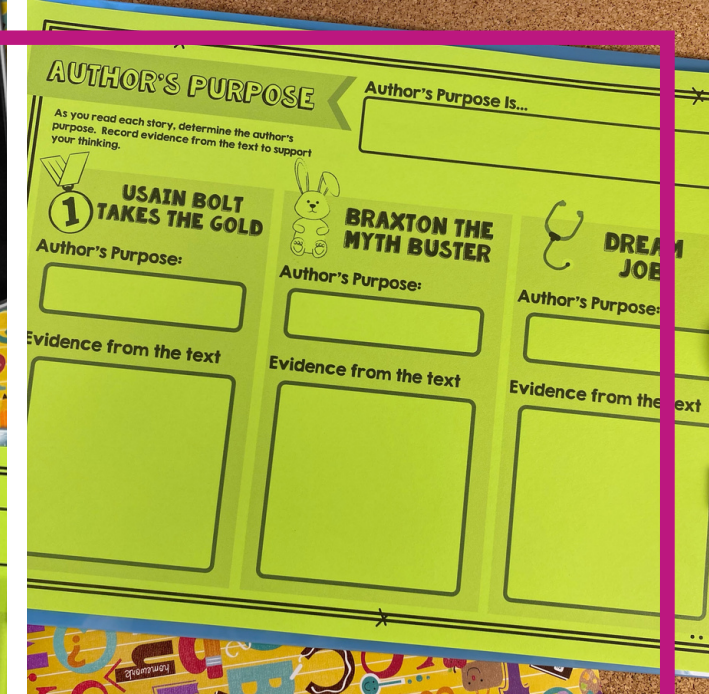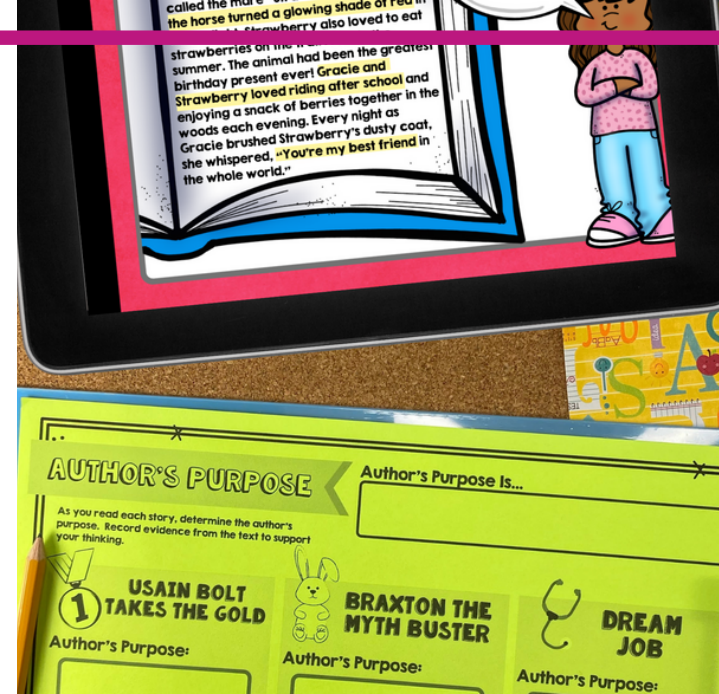
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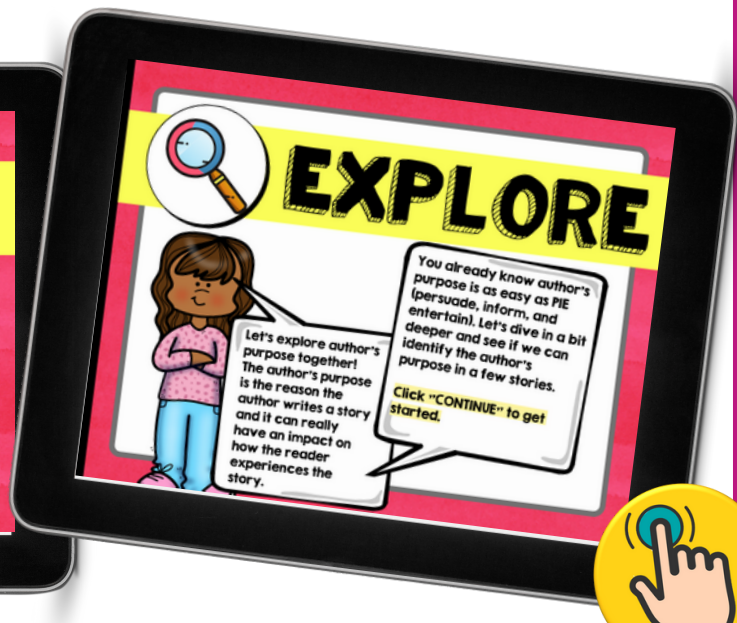✓ **Kid-friendly rubrics** and **answer keys** for each LINKtivity®

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Inside the Author's Purpose LINKtivity® students will learn the three main reasons an author writes including to persuade, inform, and entertain. Students will learn how to identify each type of purpose. Students will first view a short animated video clip, explore this skill as it is modeled to them, and then practice on their own with 3 additional reading passages.

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Take a look at these 3 stories. They are all written for a different purpose. Can you identify the author's purpose in each story?

When you're done reading, click "CONTINUE" to move on.

AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE

The American Quarter Horse is a beautiful, muscular breed with a brownish-red coat, light mane, and dark ears. They can weigh up to 1,200 pounds. (That's as much as six large adults!) These horses are known to be gentle with children and easy to train. In fact, they make great ranch horses or family pets you'll love for years to come. They can live to be 25 years old today, they're mostly seen on trail rides and at rodeo events. Yet, long ago, they helped the American settlers pull wagons and move cattle as the pioneers expanded West.

THE BEST HORSE

If you're twelve years old or younger, an American Quarter Horse is just the horse for you. It's the world's most popular breed for many reasons. First, they are very relaxed and friendly horses, perfect for kids who are just learning to ride. If you are looking for speed, you may be interested to know that some bloodlines are bred to race in youth competitions and shows. Finally, these horses are gentle, loyal, and easy to train. Are you looking for a fantastic animal partner who lives up to 25 years? You should choose the American Quarter Horse for your stables.

ADVENTURES WITH STRAWBERRY

Once a little girl named Gracie had a glorious American Quarter Horse. She called the mare "Strawberry" because the horse turned a glowing shade of red in the sunlight. Strawberry also loved to eat strawberries on the trail rides in the summer. The animal had been the greatest birthday present ever! Gracie and Strawberry enjoyed riding after school and enjoying a snack of berries together in the woods each evening. Every night as Gracie brushed Strawberry's dusty coat, she whispered, "You're my best friend in the whole world."

Slide 2

The author's purpose in this story is to persuade. The author is trying to convince the reader that the American Quarter Horse is a popular breed among kids.

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AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE	THE BEST HORSE	ADVENTURES WITH STRAWBERRY
Author's Purpose: **inform**	Author's Purpose: **persuade**	Author's Purpose: **entertain**
Evidence from the text	Evidence from the text	Evidence from the text
the author shares facts about the American Quarter Horse	the author gives many reasons why the American Quarter Horse is a great choice for kids	the author tells a fictional story about a girl and her best friend- a horse named Strawberry
• brownish-red coat • weighs up to 1,200 pounds • lives to be 25 years old • pulls wagons & helped pioneers to move cattle	• just the horse for you • they are very relaxed and friendly horses, perfect for kids • gentle, loyal, and easy to train • you should choose	

I created a graphic organizer to help me determine the author's purpose in each story. I included evidence from the text to support my thoughts. Check it out with me!

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PRACTICE

Click on a story to practice this new skill.

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USAIN BOLT TAKES THE GOLD

At the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, a Jamaican sprinter named Usain Bolt raced his way into the history books. Not only did he win three gold medals in the Olympics at China, he also became famous by setting a new world record. Fans around the world quickly dubbed him "the fastest man alive" in celebration of his extraordinary athleticism.

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On August 16, 2008 in the 100 meter men's final, Usain Bolt showed the world just what he could do! The 100 meter event included 80 competitors from 64 nations. The competition was quickly narrowed down to 8 competitors from various countries, but Bolt outran his competition with a winning time of 9.69 seconds!

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BRAXTON THE MYTH BUSTER

Braxton the bunny was a fun-loving creature who enjoyed a good laugh. Of course, his friends knew about his playful nature, so they were always playing pranks on him. Surprisingly, Braxton didn't mind because he also appreciated a good adventure.

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"A bunny's favorite type of dancing is hip-hop!" bellowed Felix the frog with a chuckle.

HA HA

A smile spread across Braxton's face, and he hip-hopped away. The rumors were true, and he needed to go back and find his friends to spread the news!

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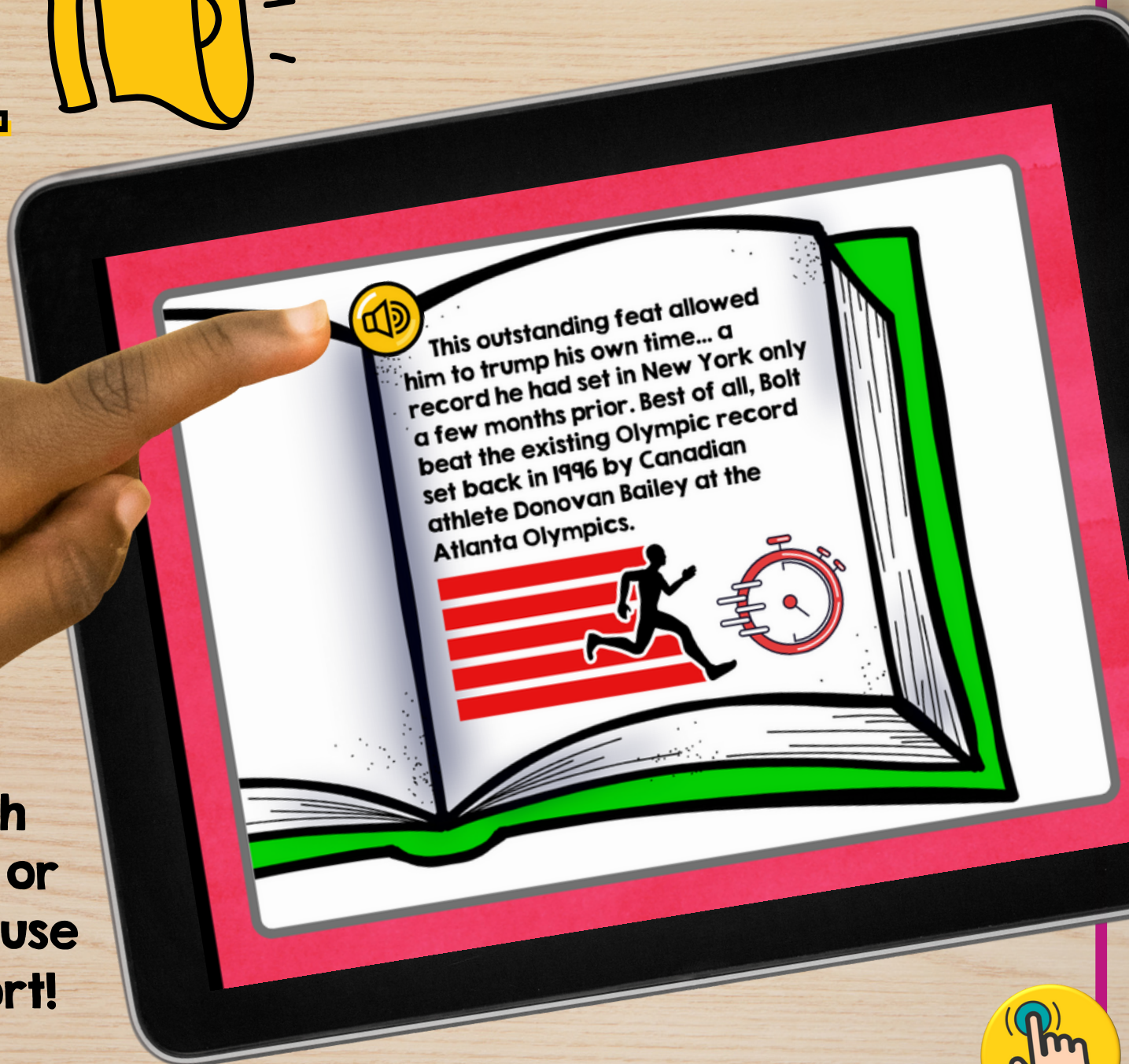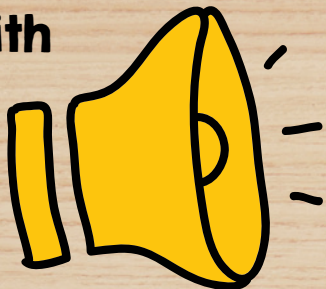Click on Back to Practice to choose another story.

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DREAM JOB

Have you ever thought about what your future career will be? You can be anything from a ballerina or a baker to a professional athlete or teacher. Yet, I would highly suggest a career in the medical field... specifically, I recommend the job of a doctor. There are many reasons why you would find this occupation fulfilling.

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This outstanding feat allowed him to trump his own time... a record he had set in New York only a few months prior. Best of all, Bolt beat the existing Olympic record set back in 1996 by Canadian athlete Donovan Bailey at the Atlanta Olympics.

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