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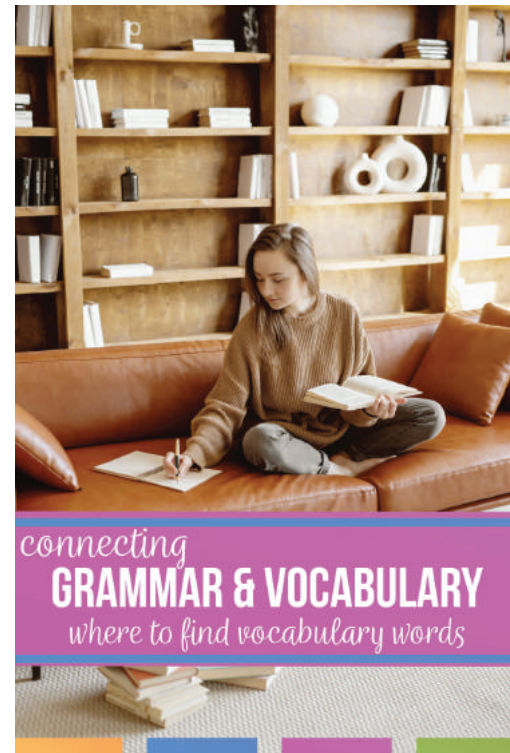
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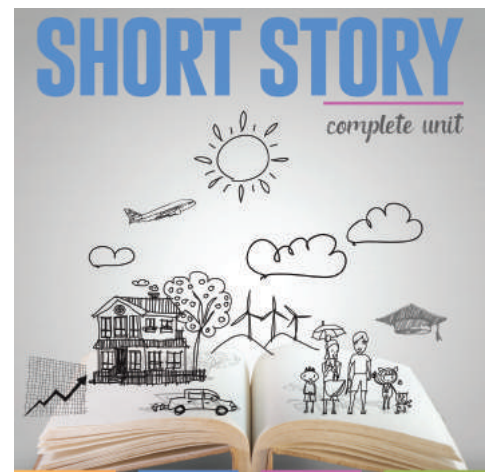
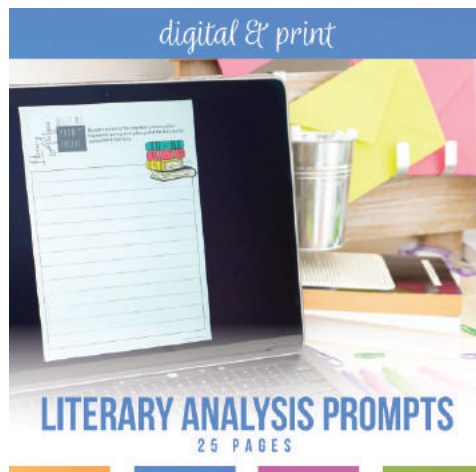
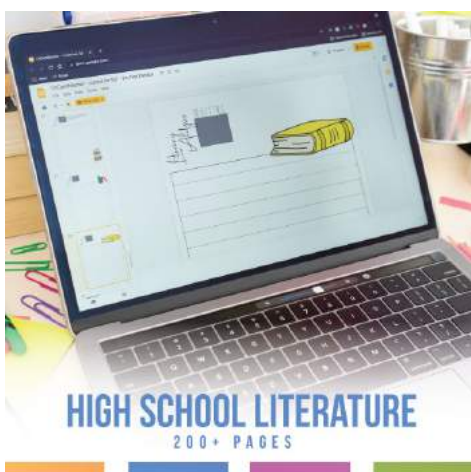
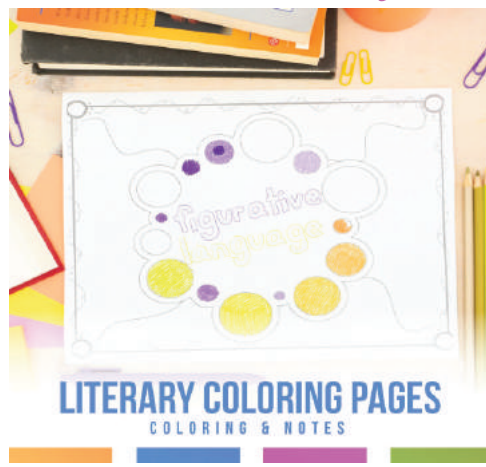
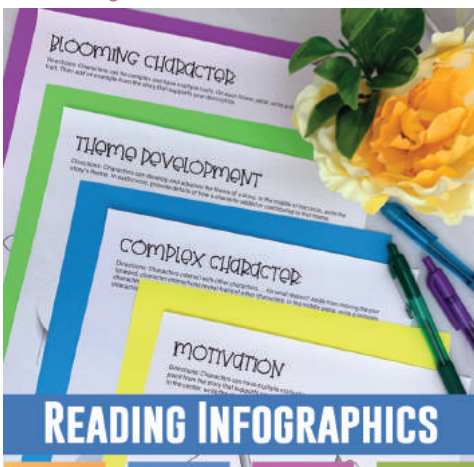
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Directions: Circle the letter of the best answer.

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  - b. Thomas Edison's wife.
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  - a. 951.
  - b. 1,093.
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  - b. The lightbulb
  - c. The stock ticker and printer.
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  - a. True.
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6. To what does Edison compare sleep?
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  - a. In Morse code.
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8. How did Edison regard his deafness?
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