

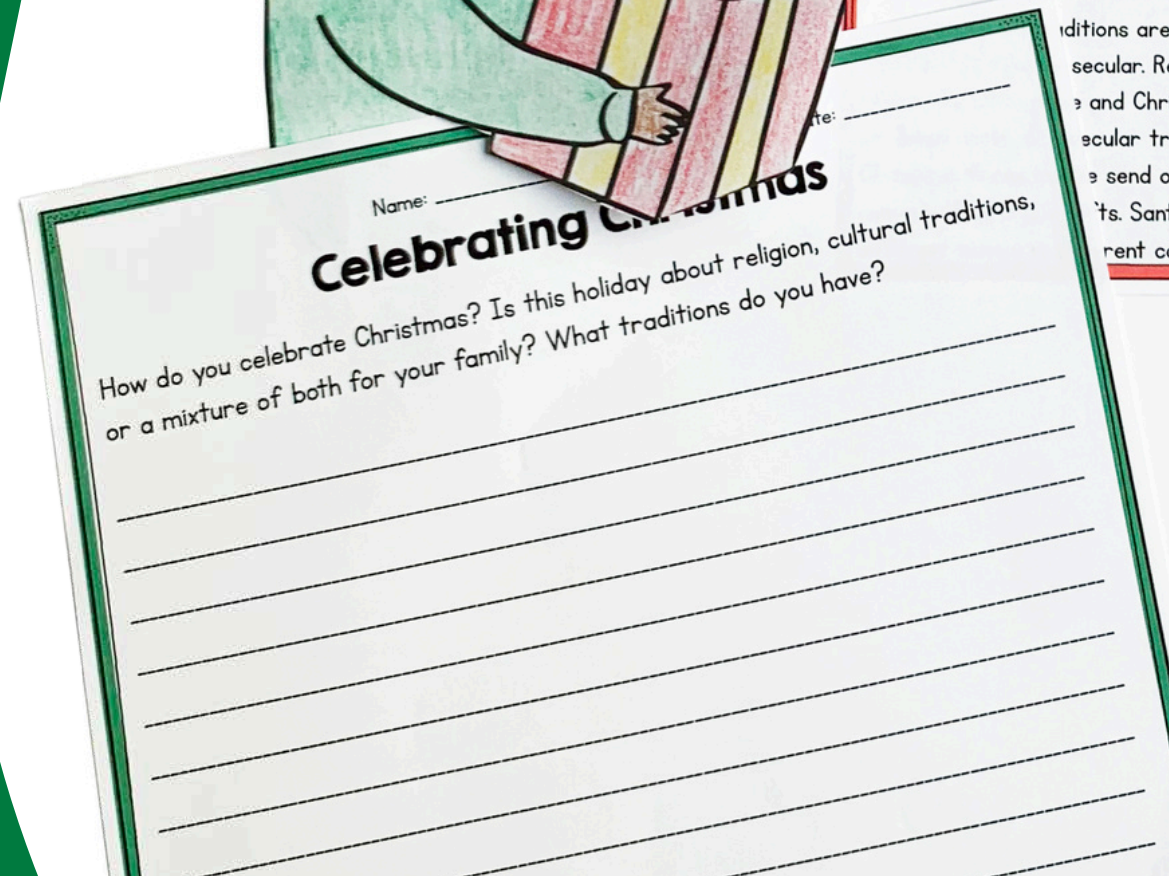
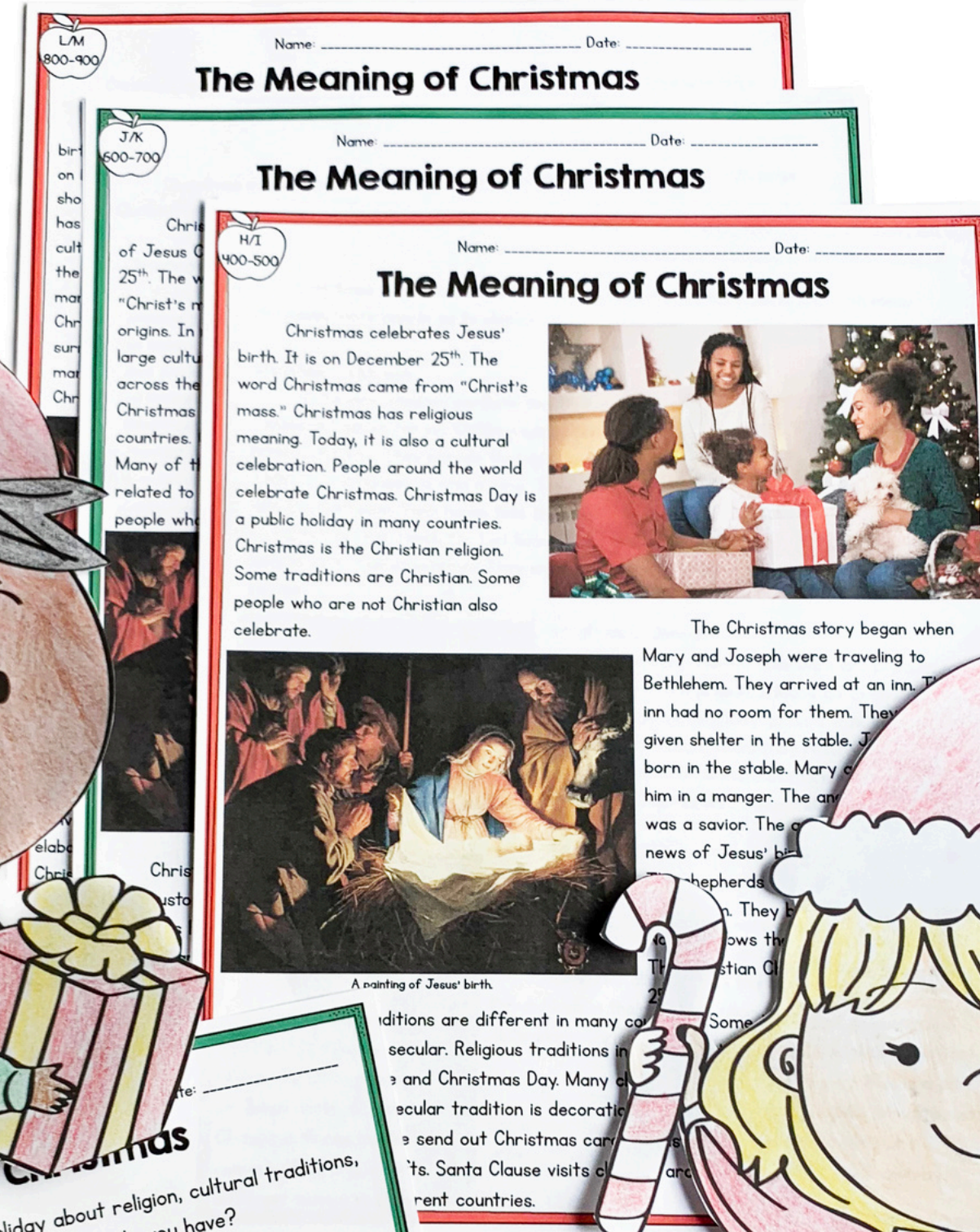
CHRISTMAS

DIFFERENTIATED PASSAGES & ACTIVITIES



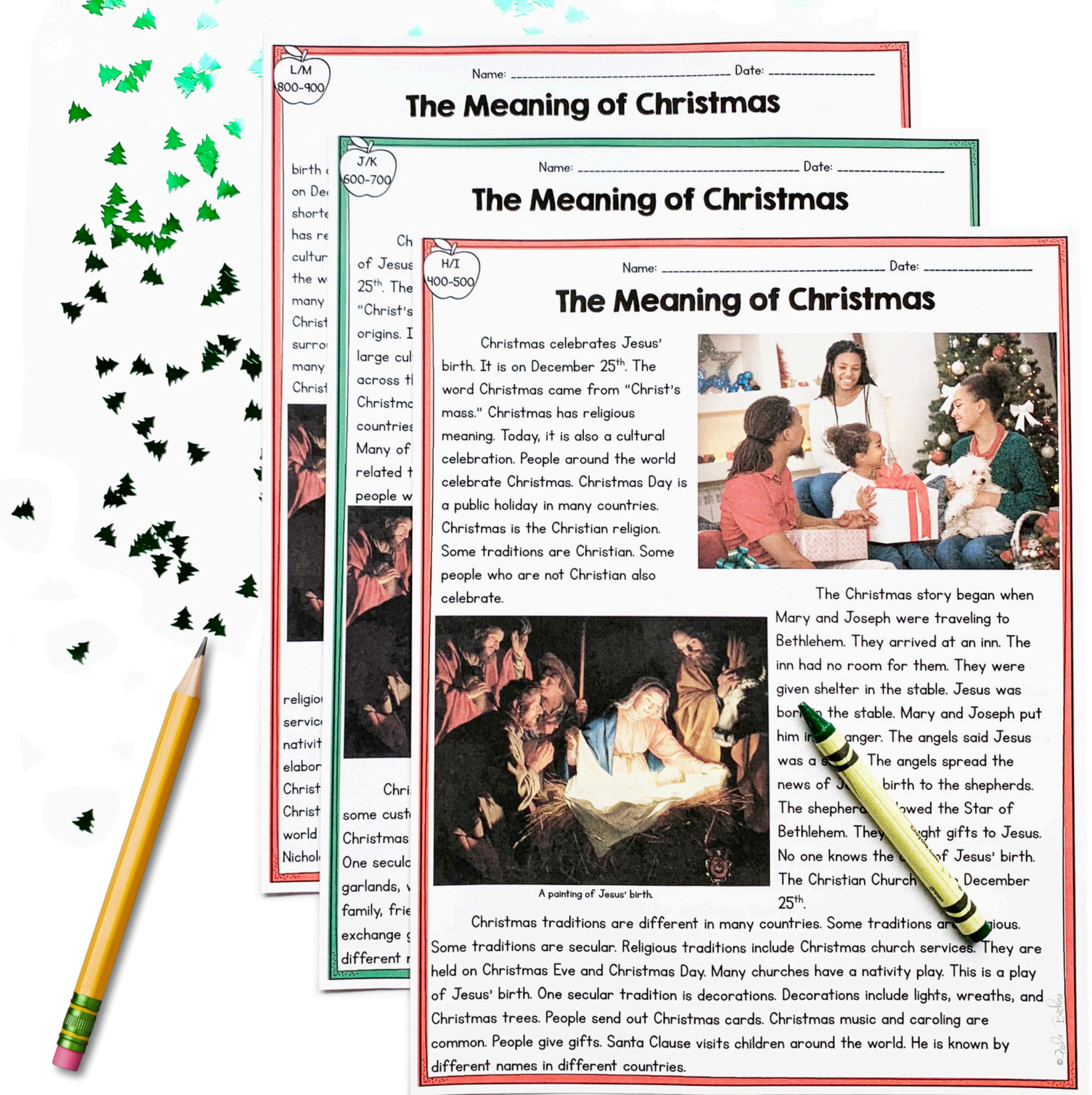
DIFFERENTIATED PASSAGES FOR GRADES 1–5

- Three Lexile-measured passages:
420L, 680L, 860L
- Meets the 2nd-5th grade Common Core Text Complexity Band (450-980)
- Allows teachers to easily differentiate for readers at multiple levels
- Perfect for whole-group, small-group, or independent reading



OFFICIAL LEXILE® CERTIFIED TEXTS

- All passages are officially measured and approved by Lexile® & MetaMetrics®
- Ensures appropriate rigor and supports true complexity-based instruction
- Ideal for monitoring reading growth and scaffolding challenging text



HIGH-QUALITY NONFICTION CONTENT

- Clear, accurate history of Christmas' origins & cultural significance
- Engaging explanations of traditions
- Student-friendly descriptions of Christmas

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Prereading

This photograph is a nativity scene at a church in Queretaro, Mexico taken around Christmas time. What do you notice in this photograph? Is there anything familiar to you? Write your response in red. After you have completed the readings, go back and add to your response in green, based on what you read.



I notice a Nativity scene including the stable where Jesus was born, Mary, Joseph, the angel, wisemen, and farm animals. They are all surrounded by bright red flowers.

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS THAT PROMOTE CLOSE READING

- Includes text-dependent questions for each passage
- Mix of multiple choice & short-response
- Built-in underline-the-text-evidence prompts to support mastery

Christmas

Answer the following questions. Underline the text evidence in the color indicated. If there is not a crayon next to the question, you will need to infer the answer. You should still look for text evidence to help you infer.

1. What is the religious meaning of Christmas?

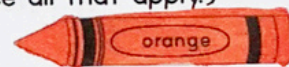
☒ a. Jesus' birth 

b. A cultural celebration

c. Reenacting the nativity.

d. People can celebrate in countries around the world.

2. Which of the following is an example of a secular Christmas tradition? (Choose all that apply.)

☒ a. Santa Clause 

b. the nativity play

☒ c. singing Christmas carols

d. Christmas Eve church service

3. What is an Advent calendar?

a. A calendar that is used only for decoration.

b. A calendar that shows when Jesus was really born.

c. A calendar that helps people remember the true meaning of Christmas.

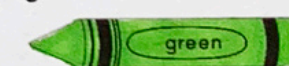
☒ d. A calendar with pockets or flaps that are opened each day leading up to Christmas. 

4. With which of the following statements would the author of this article likely agree? (Choose all that apply.)

a. Christmas is a time to remember Jesus.

☒ b. Christmas has a different meaning for different people.

☒ c. There is no right or wrong way to celebrate Christmas.

d. Christmas is better in Denmark because people get more presents. 

5. Explain how a person who is of the Christian religion may celebrate differently than someone who celebrates Christmas as a cultural celebration. Use at least two details from the text to support your answer.

A person who celebrates Christmas as a religious holiday will attend more church services. They would probably participate in more religious rituals such as a nativity play. Someone who is not religious would focus on more secular activities such as shopping, decorations, and Christmas music.

The Christmas story
Mary and Joseph were
Bethlehem. They arrived
inn had no room for them
given shelter in the stable
born in the stable. Mary a
him in a manger. The angel
was a savior. The angels sp
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FOLDABLE ACTIVITY

- Hands-on foldable graphic organizer for principles & symbols
- Perfect for interactive notebooks or literacy centers
- Reinforces key concepts through writing and reflection



WRITING PROMPTS WITH TOPPERS

- Two meaningful writing prompts about identity, values, and traditions
- Printable craft toppers add creativity and engagement
- Great for hallway displays and holiday learning celebrations

