

Non-Fiction Task Cards

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Dear Educator,

Thank you for downloading this product. I'm excited to share this monthly set of non-fiction skills and strategies task cards with you! These were designed in a "Read Around The Room" format to keep your students actively engaged while gaining important reading practice. You'll find a KWL chart for activating prior knowledge, a "Fact File" for building background , and 6 task cards to read and answer questions. I recommend laminating them, as well as the answer sheet to make them longer lasting. You may wish to pair students up to make this a more cooperative learning activity, or just use them in a small group. Use the writing activity as an culminating activity, or for adding to interactive notebooks.

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This is a monthly set of Non-Fiction task cards. Check back each month for the latest set!

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-Emily Gibbons, [The Reading Tutor/OG](#)



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Name: _____

Date: _____

What I know...

Large dashed box for writing what the student knows about Johnny Appleseed.

What I want to know...

Large dashed box for writing what the student wants to learn about Johnny Appleseed.

Fill in the KWL
Chart about
Johnny
Appleseed.

What I learned...

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Fact File: An Apple A Day



Fast facts:

- The first apple trees were planted in Central Asia.
- China produces the most apples in the world.
- There's more than 7,000 varieties of apples grown in the world today.

Have you ever heard the old saying, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away?" Not only are apples the most commonly grown fruit in the world, they're packed with nutrition, too.

Apples are loaded with vitamin C, a powerful antioxidant. Antioxidants are molecules that can help fight against diseases. Grapes, kiwi fruit, and blueberries are other healthy fruits packed with antioxidants.

Apples are also high in fiber. When you eat foods that are rich in fiber, they can keep both your heart and your digestive system running smoothly. Other foods rich in fiber are raspberries, pears, pasta and peas. Drinking plenty of water with a fiber-packed snack will help keep your body healthy.

So, the next time you go grocery shopping, check out the produce section. Inspect the variety of apples offered. Choose a different kind you may not have tried before. Once you decide on your favorite variety, make it your top snack choice!

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Questions For “An Apple A Day”

1. What do you think the old saying, “An apple a day keeps the doctor away,” means ? _____

2. According to paragraph 2, what are antioxidants? _____

3. What are the health benefits of eating foods that are rich in fiber? _____

4. After reading this article, what advice would you give someone about healthy eating? _____

Task Card Directions

Materials: task cards, recording sheet, pencil

1. Take one card at a time.
Read it carefully.
2. Read the question.
3. Think about what the question is asking you to do.
4. Using information from the card, answer the question in a complete sentence on your recording sheet.



1. John Chapman was born on September 26, 1774 in Leominster, Massachusetts . His parents were Nathaniel and Elizabeth Chapman. Elizabeth died when John was young. His father met Lucy Cooley shortly after. They married and had 10 more children!

Question: What are 3 proper nouns in in this paragraph?



2. When Johnny was 18, he traveled west from Massachusetts with his brother, Nathaniel. Soon after they departed, he decided to travel alone. Walking by foot, he journeyed many miles.

Question: What are 3 verbs in in this paragraph?



3. Johnny had a vision to plant hundreds of apple trees. He received his supply of seeds from farmers who finished making apple cider. Everywhere he walked, he carried a bag of seeds and planted them along the way.

Question: What does “had a vision” mean in this paragraph?



4. Johnny made friends with many Native Americans and even learned several Indian languages. He never harmed or killed animals, and only ate the food that nature provided for him.

Question: Based on this paragraph, how would you describe Johnny?



4. Although many people think Johnny was a poor man, he was able to make money by selling apple trees and tracts, or areas of land to new settlers. He never used banks. Legends say he secretly buried his money in underground holes.

Question: Do you think this is a good way to store money?
Why or why not?



5. After spending nearly 50 years traveling the country, Johnny Appleseed got pneumonia at age 71. He passed away in Fort Wayne, Indiana on March 18, 1845. Some legends claim it was the only time he had ever been sick. The **humble** man is still remembered for planting thousands of apple trees.

Question: What does the word **humble** mean?
Use it in a sentence.



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“Johnny Appleseed” Recording Sheet

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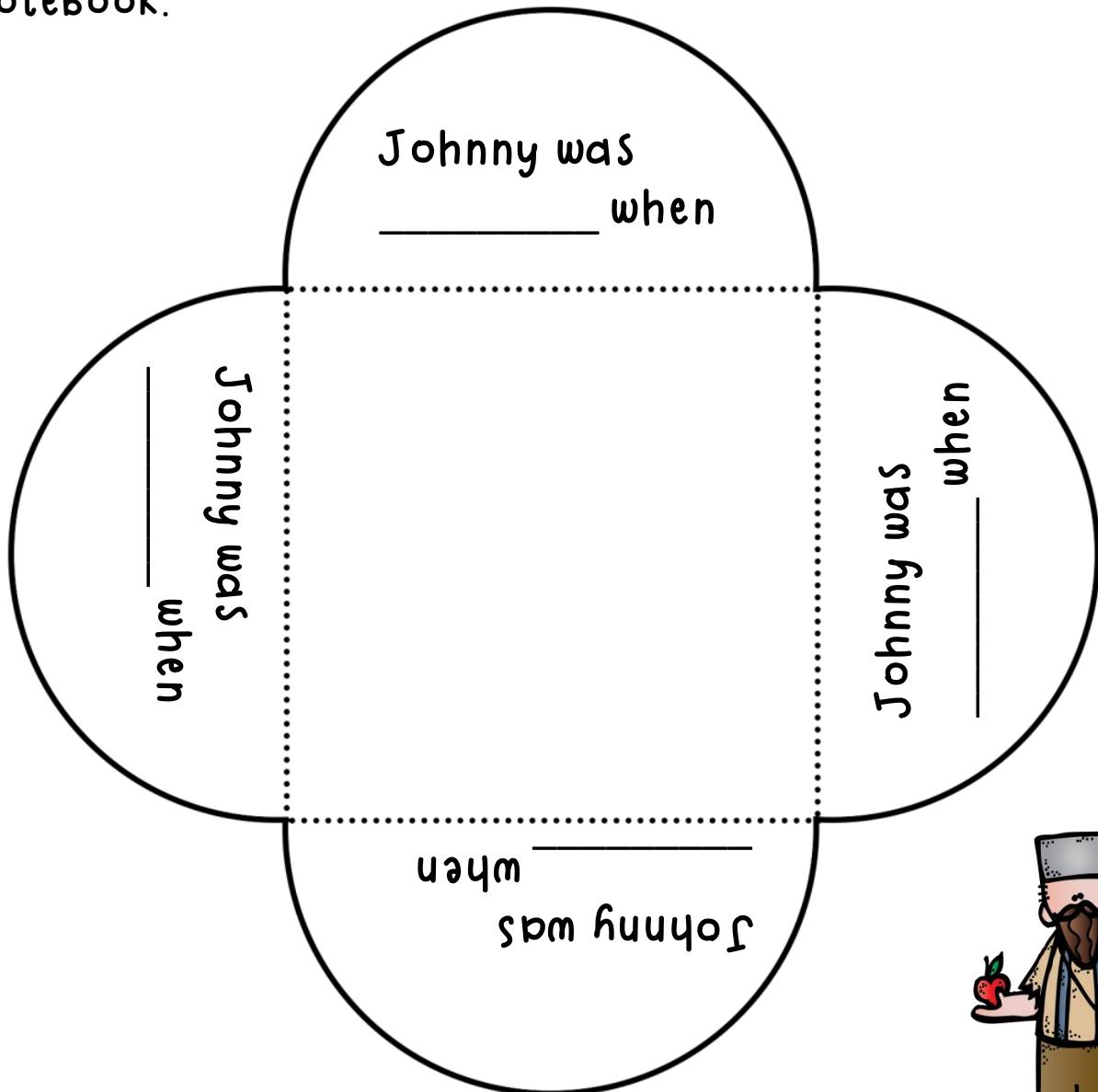


“Johnny Appleseed” Recording Sheet

1. Proper Nouns: John Chapman, September, Leominster, Massachusetts, Nathaniel and Elizabeth Chapman, Lucy Cooley	2. Verbs: was, traveled, decided, departed, walking, journeyed
3. Vision means Johnny had a dream or a goal to plant apple trees.	4. Answers may vary.
5. Answers may vary	6. Humble in this paragraph means living in a simple way, without owning many expensive things. (Sentences vary.)

Johnny's Blossoming Character Traits

Directions: Fill in the blank line with a character trait. Write an example of that when Johnny used that trait. Draw a picture of Johnny in the center. Cut out the shape and fold on the dotted lines. Glue onto paper into a notebook.



Writing Prompt

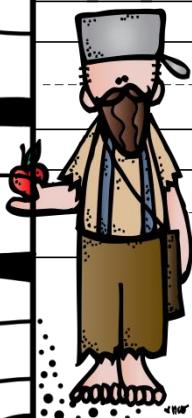
Write a thank you letter to Johnny Appleseed.

Be sure to...

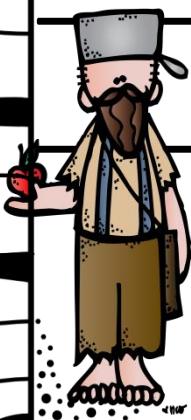
- Give examples of things he did in his life that were helpful.
- Explain to him why he was so important to our country's history.



Dear Johnny Appleseed,



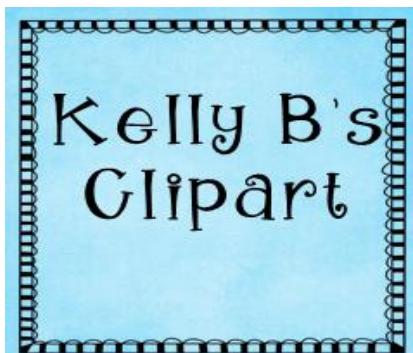
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