

Introduction to BOOK CLUBS

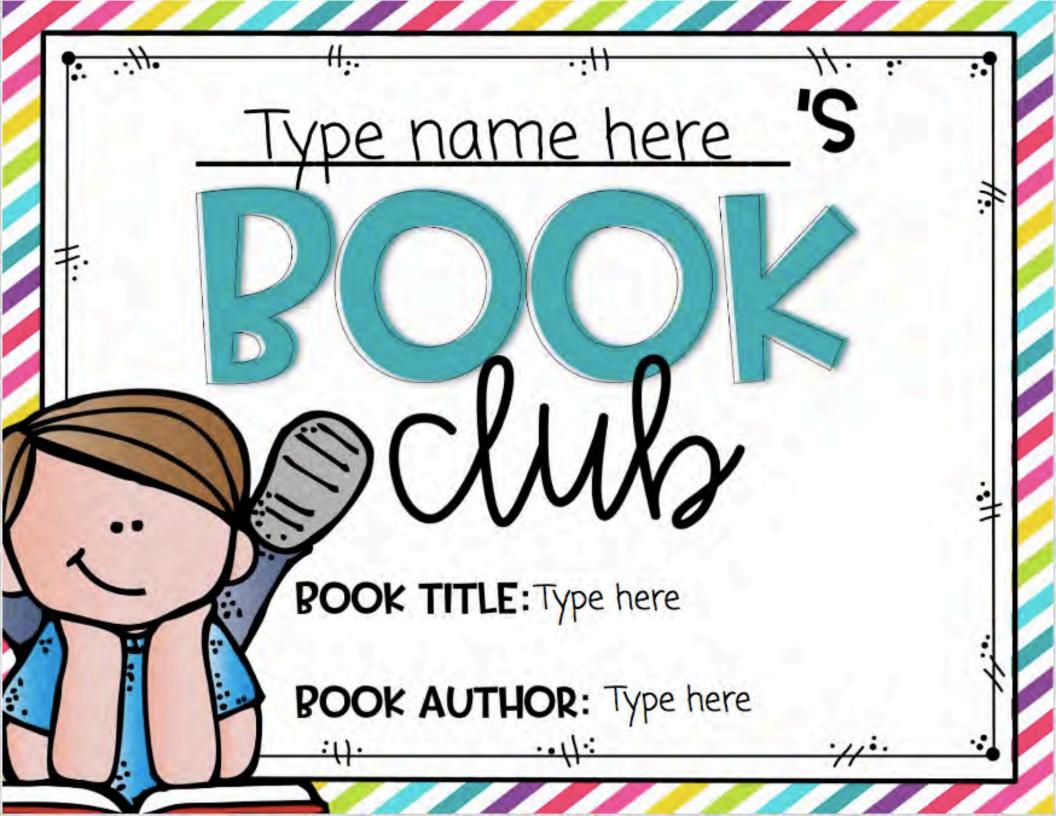
I use book clubs to practice and model all of my reading standards! They allow me to easily differentiate by offering different levels of books for each of my guided reading groups. My students love reading the chapter books so much more than a textbook. They are very engaged.

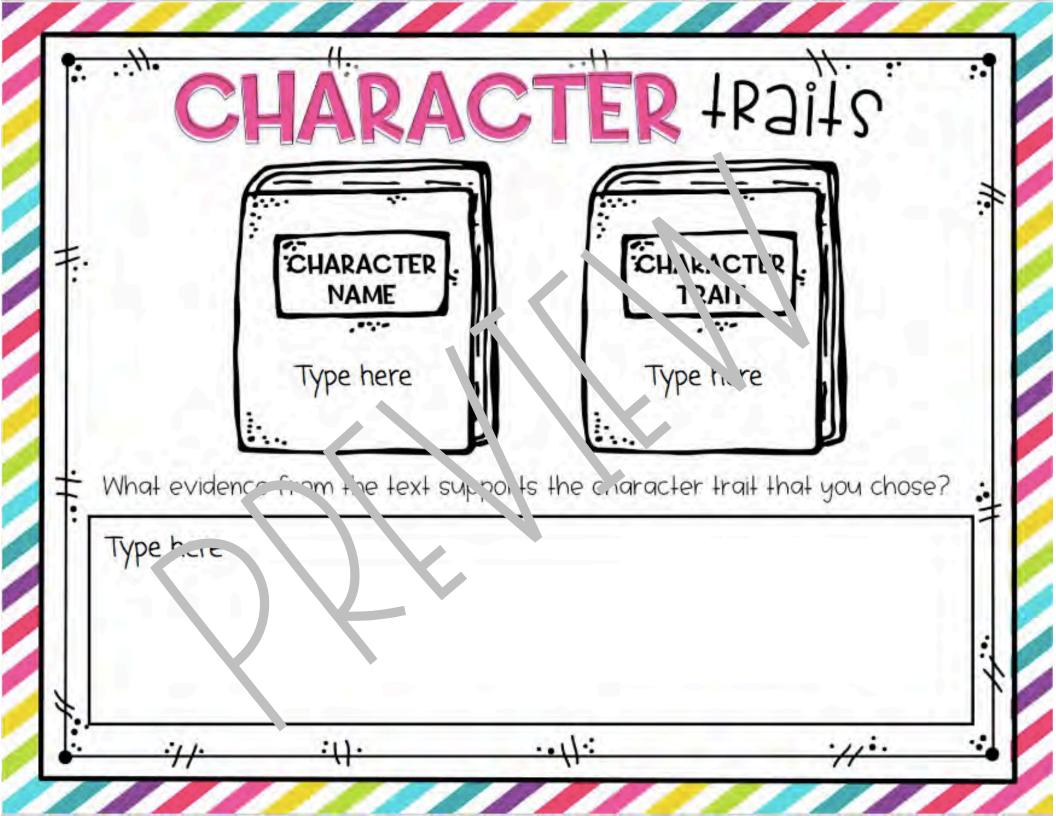
There are many ways to run book clubs, or literature circles in your classroom. I do my book clubs during guided reading groups. I teach a 10—15 minute mini lesson about the current skill. Then when students come to the teacher table, we read a chapter from their book club book. We will then work together to fill out the graphic organizer that best matches our weekly skill. The next time that we meet, we will read another chapter and students will work more independently on the exact same graphic organizer. They have already had a model!

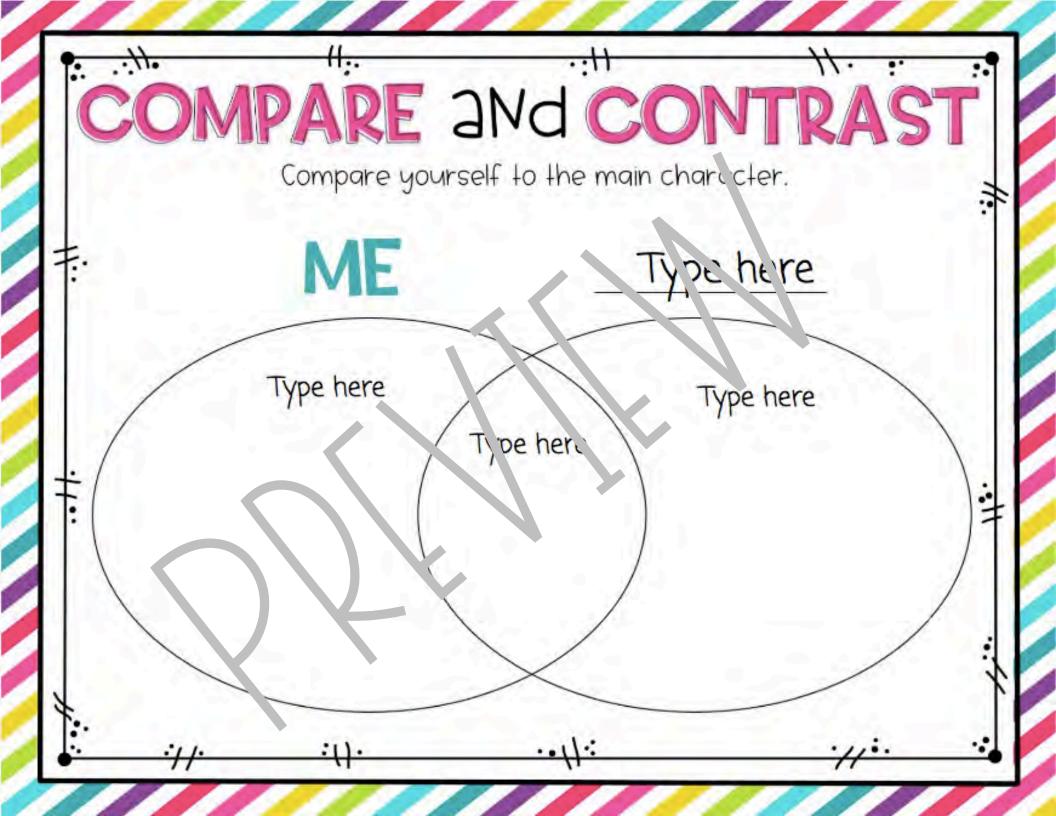
Book clubs can also be used as an independent center. You can assign particular chapters and graphic organizers that students will complete during their center time. You will need to provide time for students to come together and share their work and thoughts about the reading.

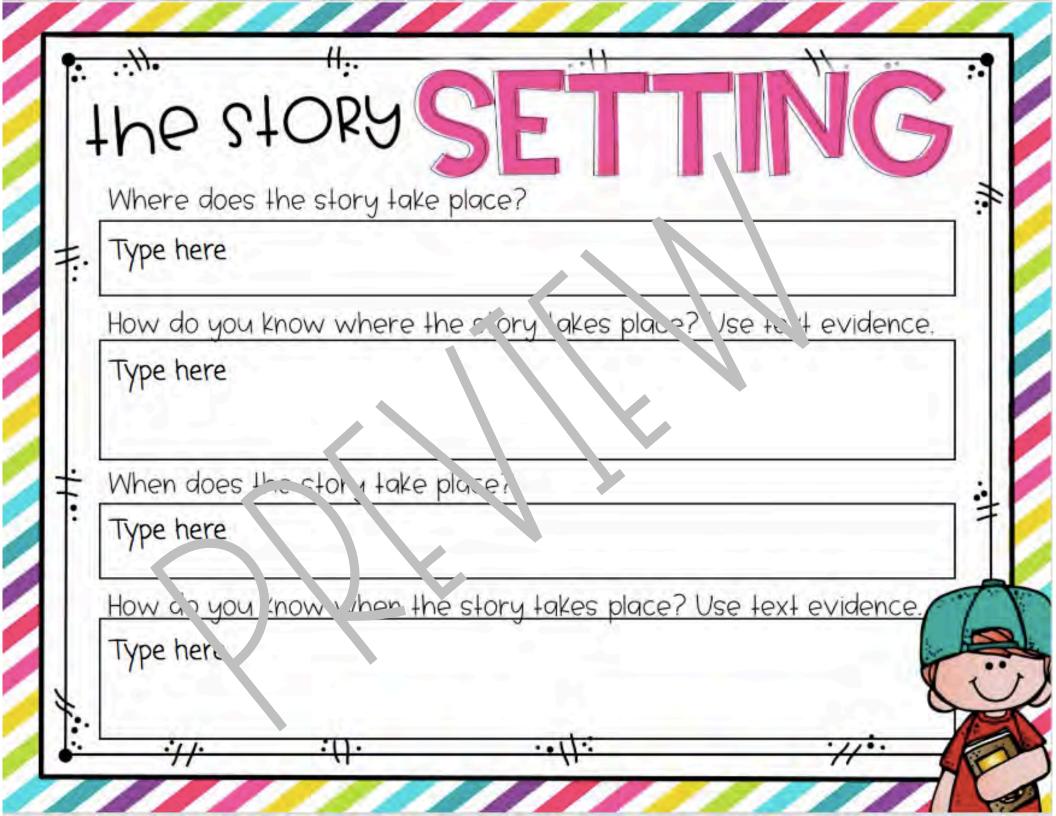
Book clubs can be a part of your reading homework. You can set a schedule of chapters to be read and graphic organizers to be completed at home. Again, you will want to provide time for the groups to come together and discuss the text and their work.

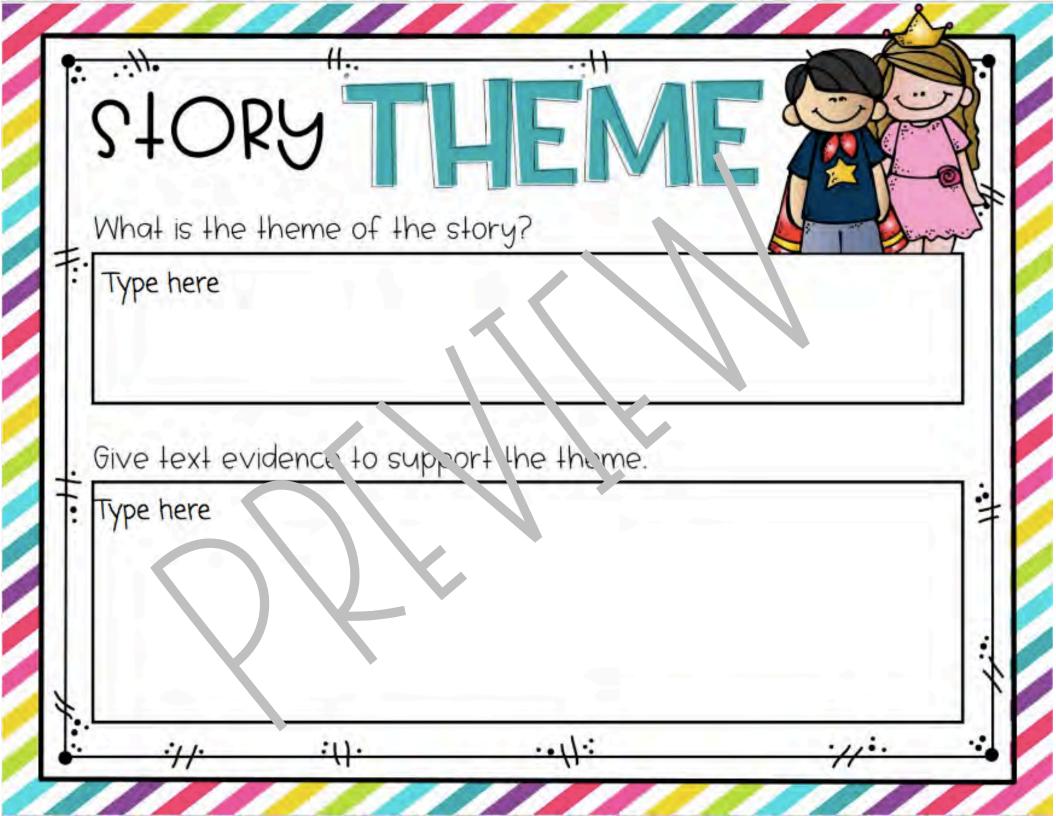


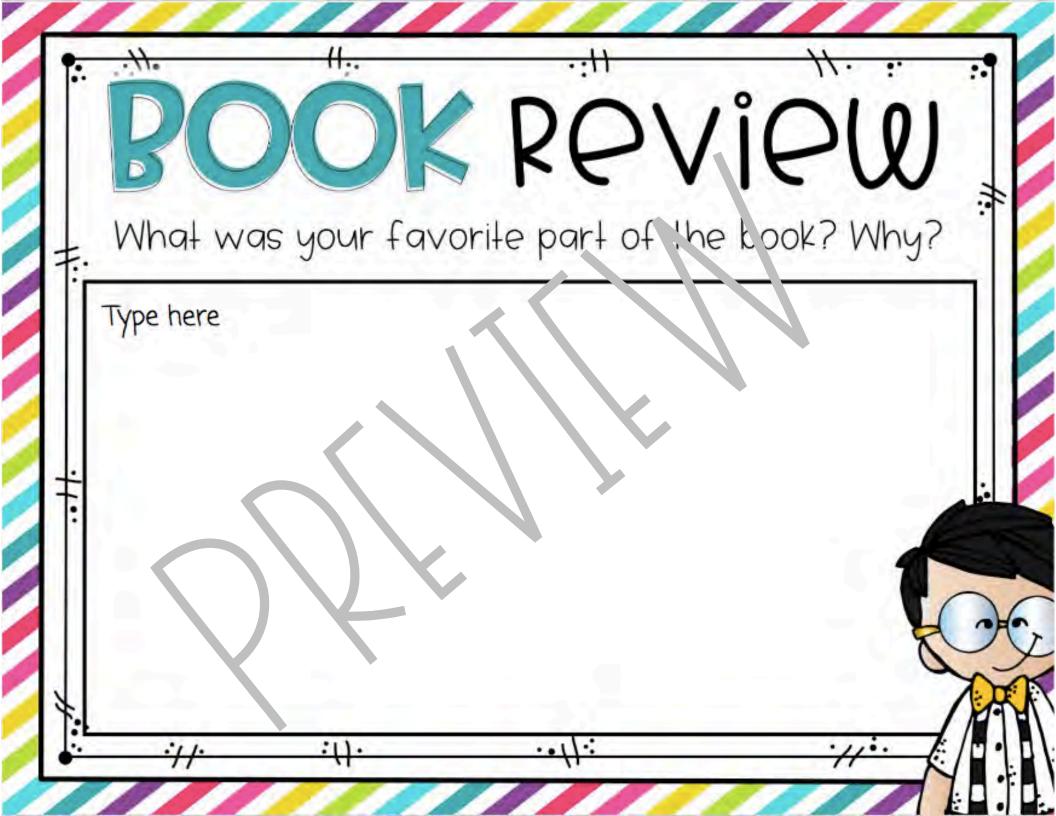












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