

# THE JOURNEY OF JOHNNY APPLESEED

## APPLE PLANTING ITEMS

Each time a team correctly completes one of the five tasks, they earn one of the 5 missing apple planting items. The item for each task is shown on the top right corner of each task page.

seeds

seedling

apple

apple tree

## TASK 1

### Reading Passage

Directions: Read the passage below. Then answer the questions on the following page.

#### THE STORY OF JOHNNY APPLESEED

Johnny Appleseed was a legendary American who planted and supplied apple trees many parts of the United States of America. Some people believe that Johnny Appleseed was a fictional character, but he was a real person. Johnny Appleseed was born in Leominster, Massachusetts, on September 26, 1774. His real name was John Chapman. Everyone called him Johnny Appleseed because of his love for growing apple trees.

Johnny's dad, Nathaniel Chapman, fought as a minuteman at the Battle of Concord.

## TASK 4

### Fact and Opinion

Directions: If the statement below is true, color the apple red. If the statement is an opinion, color the apple green.

Johnny's real name was John.		Johnny was the bravest man.	
Johnny Appleseed planted many apple trees.		Johnny Appleseed traveled to Ohio and Pennsylvania.	
Johnny's favorite apple was red.		John Chapman was one of ten children.	

## TASK 2

### Johnny Appleseed History

Directions: Record the major life events of Johnny Appleseed from the reading passage in the table below.

Event	Date

## TASK 5

### Word Search

Directions: Find and circle each word related to Johnny Appleseed from the word box below.

Johnny	seeds	westward	Sentinel
nursery	seedling	legend	Chapman
orchard	plant	pioneer	
apple	cider	tree	

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## TASK 3

### Johnny's Apples

Directions: Use the table below to answer the questions.

TYPES OF APPLES				
Name	Color	Total Sugar	Flavor	Good for Baking?
Fuji			sweet, crisp	<input type="checkbox"/>
Granny Smith			juicy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gala				<input type="checkbox"/>
Red Delicious				<input type="checkbox"/>

## JOHNNY APPLESEED CHAMPION

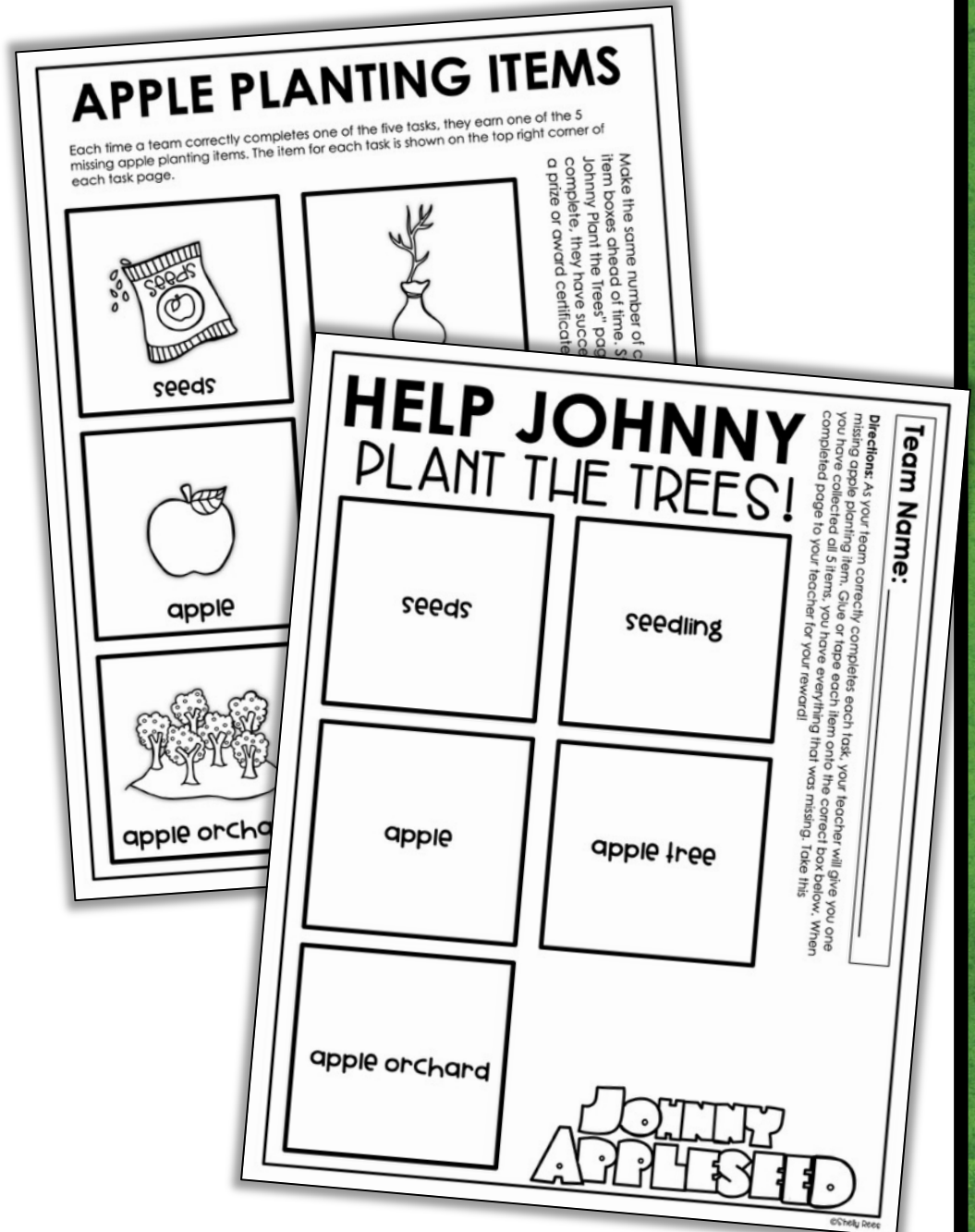
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TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

A READING COMPREHENSION ESCAPE ACTIVITY

# ENGAGING, FUN READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

- Students have to work in teams (or individually) to complete all 5 reading tasks.
- When they complete each task correctly, they earn a missing apple planting item.
- Once they have all 5 missing apple planting items, they have won!
- The goal is to have all teams complete the challenge.






# Students earn apple planting items as they correctly complete each task.

## TASK 1

### Reading Passage

earn this item 

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Johnny's dad, Nathaniel Chapman, fought as a minuteman at the Battle of Concord and served in the Continental Army under General George Washington. In July 1776, Elizabeth Chapman, John's mother, passed away. His father went on to marry Lucy Cooley. He was one of ten children and his family lived a very simple life. Johnny loved animals, nature and traveling. He believed that we should treat the whole world with kindness and respect all animals and plants.


When John Chapman was a little boy, he work on an apple orchard. John's dad encouraged him to become an orchardist. By 1812, Johnny was working as an orchardist and nurseryman. He traveled to many places, particularly Pennsylvania and Ohio, planting orchards. Many of the stories and legends suggest that Johnny had no plan about where he was planting his seeds, but there was much thought put behind his orchards. He created nurseries and would later return to sell the orchard and the surrounding land. The orchards he planted and cared for served many purposes. Many people could eat the apples or use the smaller, sour apples to make cider. The orchards also helped people claim the surrounding land.

Folklore has described Johnny as "funny looking" because of the way he dressed. Many stories say that Johnny rarely wore shoes, wore others' cast-off clothing, for a hat. Many people would say that because of his appearance he appeared to be a not a poor man. He accumulated money from selling his apple seeds and says that Johnny never used banks for his money and would bury his money.

Johnny Appleseed left his mark on the United States. He became an orchardist and planted so many apple trees across the country. In 1842, Johnny made it to Ohio after spending nearly 50 years walking all throughout the countryside. He was age of seventy-one on March 18, 1845. At the time of his death, he owned 100 acres of land. There have been many children's books written about the life of Johnny Appleseed. He is the official folk hero in the state of Massachusetts. During the month of September, many Johnny Appleseed inspired festivals across the northeast United States.

## TASK 2

### Johnny Appleseed History


earn this item 

Directions: Record the major life events of Johnny Appleseed from the reading passage in the timeline below.

1774	1776	1812	1842	1845

## TASK 3

### Johnny's Apples

earn this item 


Directions: Use the table below to answer the questions.

TYPES OF APPLES				
Name	Color	Total Sugar	Flavor	Good for Baking?
Fuji	pink-speckled and yellow-green	17.6 g	sweet, crisp, juicy	⊕
Granny Smith	light green	17 g	tart, crisp, juicy	⊕
Gala	orange-red	11.3 g	mild, sweet, crisp	⊕
Red Delicious	red	15.8 g	bland, crisp	⊕
McIntosh	red and green	16 g	sweet, juicy	⊕
Honey Crisp	red-orange	19 g	sweet, crisp	⊕
Empire	red	16 g	sweet, crisp	⊕
Golden Delicious	golden-yellow	19 g	sweet, crisp	⊕











1. What color are Granny Smith apples?  
2. Which apple is good for baking?

## TASK 4

### Fact and Opinion


earn this item 

Directions: If the statement below is true, color the apple red. If the statement is an opinion, color the apple green.

Johnny's real name was John Chapman.		Johnny was the bravest man.	
Gala apples taste better than McIntosh apples.		Johnny Appleseed planted many apple trees.	
John Chapman was seventy-one when he died.		Johnny Appleseed traveled to Ohio and Pennsylvania.	
John Chapman traveled the country for nearly 50 years.		Johnny's favorite apple was red.	
Without Johnny Appleseed, there wouldn't be any apple trees.		John Chapman was one of ten children.	

## TASK 5

### Word Search

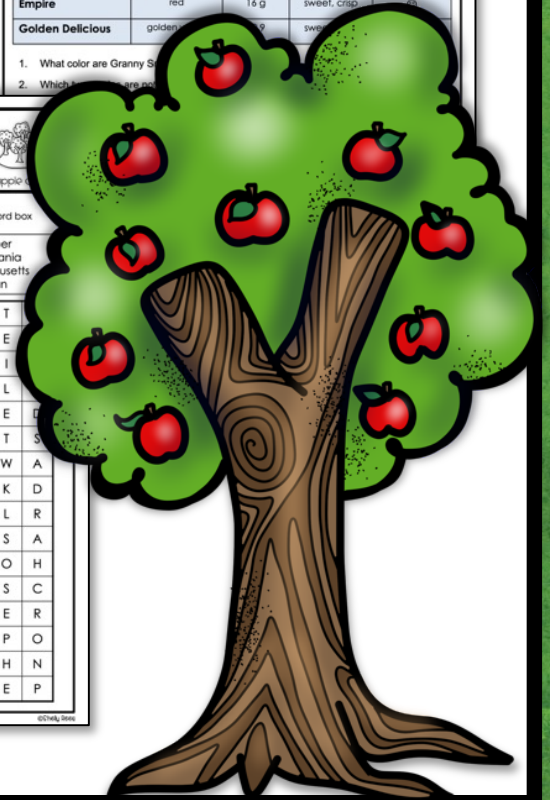
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Directions: Find and circle each word related to Johnny Appleseed from the word bank below.

Johnny	seeds	westward	September
nursery	seedling	legend	Pennsylvania
orchard	plant	pioneer	Massachusetts
apple	cider	tree	Chapman

Word Search Grid:

I	M	A	S	S	A	C	H	U	S	E	T	T
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Teams finishing the task earn “Johnny Appleseed Champion” certificates and applesauce treat labels are included.



Choose  
color  
or B/W!