

# CREATE A CANDY

## Informational Passage & Writing Activity

### The History of the Hershey Kiss

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

At the young age of 19, Milton S. Hershey opened his first candy shop. He worked long hours making caramel, hard candies, and chocolate. He perfected the chocolate candy, and in 1900 he opened a larger chocolate factory in central Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hershey produced including breakfast cereals, candy bars. Milton was patient and he was not content to stay in one place. The small factory quickly rose in popularity. The candies which were individually sold in square boxes. They had a "kiss-like" sound the machine made as the chocolate drops onto the

In 1921, Milton Hershey changed the name of the candies. Because competitors were making similar candies, Hershey invented the Kiss. The Kiss machinery was used to make a paste that was used as an ingredient in American soldiers' food.

For a short time during World War I, Kisses were **halted** in order to make more candy. The Kiss machinery was used to make a paste that was used as an ingredient in American soldiers' food.

Today, Kisses are still popular. Milton Hershey's Kisses are still popular.

### The History of the Hershey Kiss

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: After reading the informational passage about the history of the Hershey Kiss, answer the following questions.

1. The word **halted**, as used in the fourth paragraph, means:  
a. increased; made greater  
b. continued on  
c. stopped  
d. ended
2. How is this passage organized?  
a. cause and effect  
b. compare and contrast  
c. problem and solution  
d. chronological
3. Explain how you know which way it is organized.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Why did Milton Hershey have to change the name of the candies?  
Give details from the text to support your answer.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Which product did Milton Hershey **NOT** make?  
a. hard candies  
b. caramels  
c. peanut butter  
d. chocolate

How did the name of the candies change when he opened his factory?

Why did he have to stop producing Kisses during World War I?

### A NEW CANDY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Throughout history, hundreds of varieties of candy have been created, sold, and eaten. If you could invent, create, and manufacture a brand-new candy, what would it be? Use the boxes below to plan your essay. Then write your essay on the following page. Finally, design the package for your candy and draw it on the blank page.

Topic Sentence:

#### Supporting Paragraph

(What the candy would be made of)

Detail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Detail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Detail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Supporting Paragraph

(How it would be manufactured)

Detail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Detail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Detail: \_\_\_\_\_

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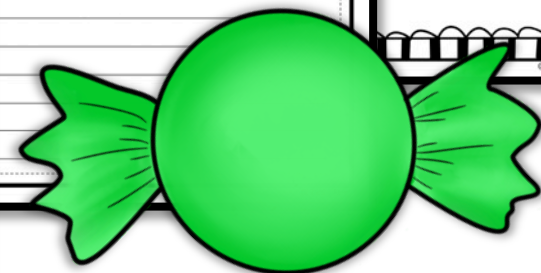
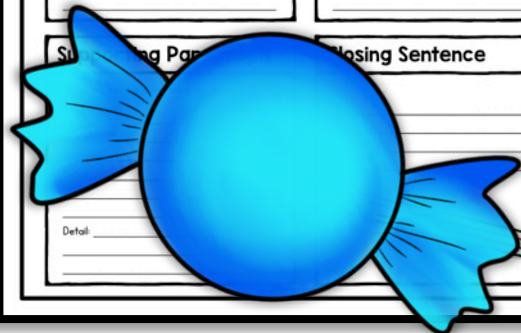
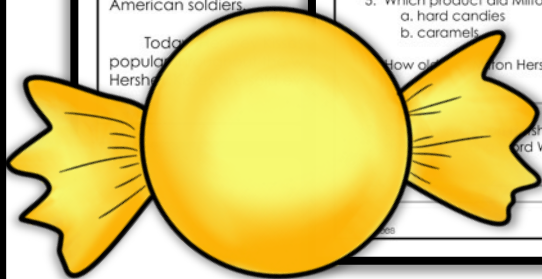
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#### Closing Sentence

Detail: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### A NEW CANDY

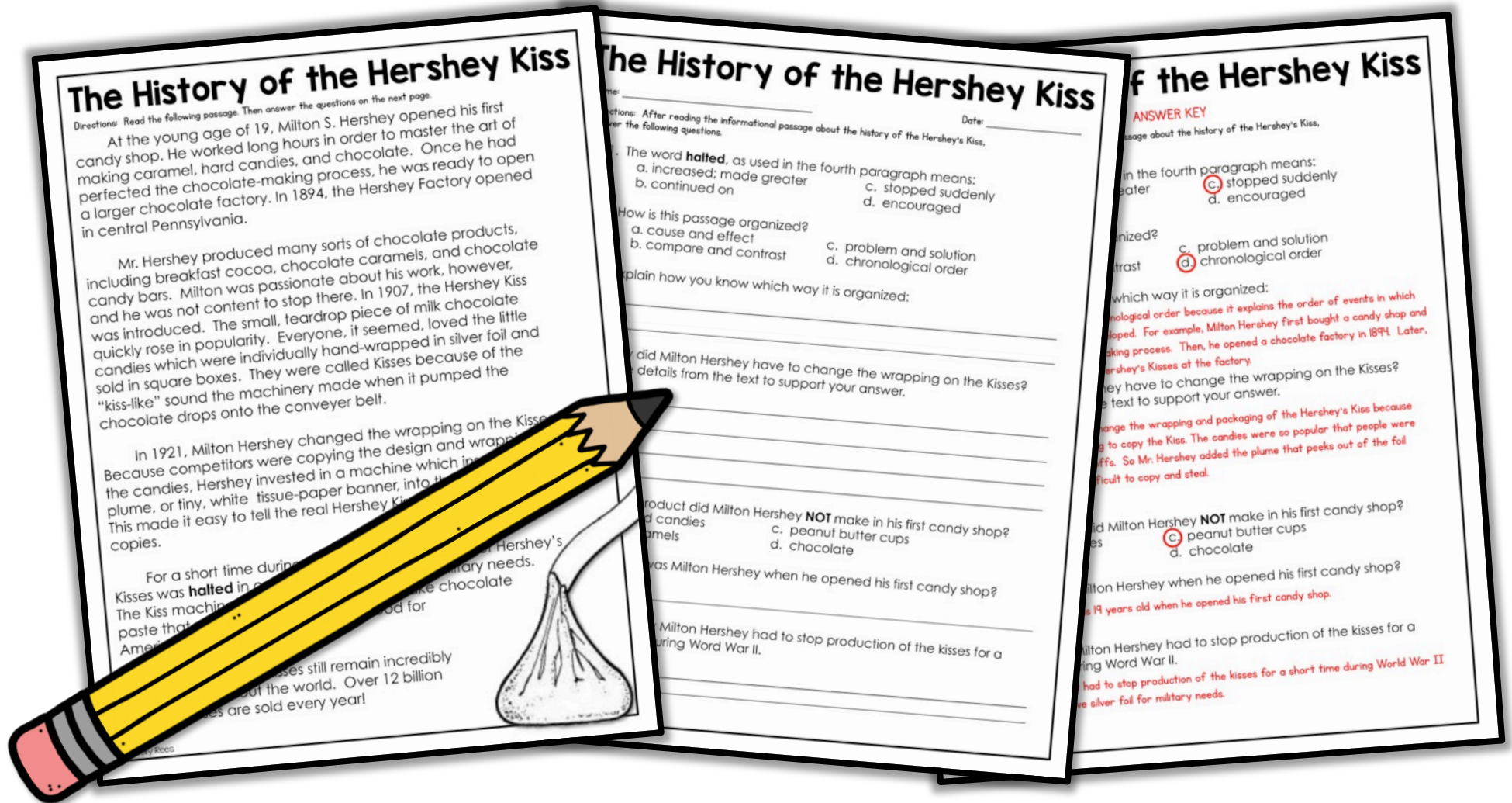
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# Informational Reading Comprehension Passage

## High-Interest Topic



**The History of the Hershey Kiss**  
Directions: Read the following passage. Then answer the questions on the next page.

At the young age of 19, Milton S. Hershey opened his first candy shop. He worked long hours in order to master the art of making caramel, hard candies, and chocolate. Once he had perfected the chocolate-making process, he was ready to open a larger chocolate factory. In 1894, the Hershey Factory opened in central Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hershey produced many sorts of chocolate products, including breakfast cocoa, chocolate caramels, and chocolate candy bars. Milton was passionate about his work, however, and he was not content to stop there. In 1907, the Hershey Kiss was introduced. The small, teardrop piece of milk chocolate quickly rose in popularity. Everyone, it seemed, loved the little candies which were individually hand-wrapped in silver foil and sold in square boxes. They were called Kisses because of the "kiss-like" sound the machinery made when it pumped the chocolate drops onto the conveyer belt.

In 1921, Milton Hershey changed the wrapping on the Kisses. Because competitors were copying the design and wrapping the candies, Hershey invested in a machine which imitated the plume, or tiny, white tissue-paper banner, into the wrapper. This made it easy to tell the real Hershey Kiss from the copies.

For a short time during World War I, the production of Hershey's Kisses was **halted** in order to make chocolate paste that was needed for military needs.

Kisses still remain incredibly popular all over the world. Over 12 billion Kisses are sold every year!

**The History of the Hershey Kiss**  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Questions: After reading the informational passage about the history of the Hershey's Kiss, answer the following questions.

The word **halted**, as used in the fourth paragraph means:  
a. increased; made greater  
b. continued on  
c. stopped suddenly  
d. encouraged

How is this passage organized?  
a. cause and effect  
b. compare and contrast  
c. problem and solution  
d. chronological order

Explain how you know which way it is organized:

What did Milton Hershey have to change the wrapping on the Kisses? Provide details from the text to support your answer.

What product did Milton Hershey **NOT** make in his first candy shop?  
a. hard candies  
b. caramels  
c. peanut butter cups  
d. chocolate

How old was Milton Hershey when he opened his first candy shop?

Why did Milton Hershey have to stop production of the kisses for a short time during World War II?

**ANSWER KEY**  
Passage about the history of the Hershey's Kiss.

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c. **problem and solution**  
d. chronological order

Explain how you know which way it is organized:  
The passage is organized in chronological order because it explains the order of events in which the Kiss was developed. For example, Milton Hershey first bought a candy shop and perfected the chocolate-making process. Then, he opened a chocolate factory in 1894. Later, he introduced the Hershey's Kisses at the factory. He then had to change the wrapping on the Kisses because competitors were copying the design. Finally, he changed the wrapping and packaging of the Hershey's Kiss because he wanted to make it easy to tell the real Kiss from the copies. So Mr. Hershey added the plume that peaks out of the foil wrapper to help identify the real Kiss and prevent counterfeit products.

What did Milton Hershey **NOT** make in his first candy shop?  
a. hard candies  
b. caramels  
c. **peanut butter cups**  
d. chocolate

How old was Milton Hershey when he opened his first candy shop?  
He was 19 years old when he opened his first candy shop.

Why did Milton Hershey have to stop production of the kisses for a short time during World War II?  
He had to stop production of the kisses for a short time during World War II because the silver foil was needed for military needs.

# Writing Activity

## Create a Candy

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**Topic Sentence:**

**Supporting Paragraph**  
(What the candy would be made of)  
Detail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Detail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Detail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Supporting Paragraph**  
(How it would be manufactured)  
Detail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Detail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Detail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Supporting Paragraph**  
(How it would be advertised and marketed)  
Detail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Detail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Detail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Closing Sentence**





**A NEW CANDY**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**A NEW CANDY**



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