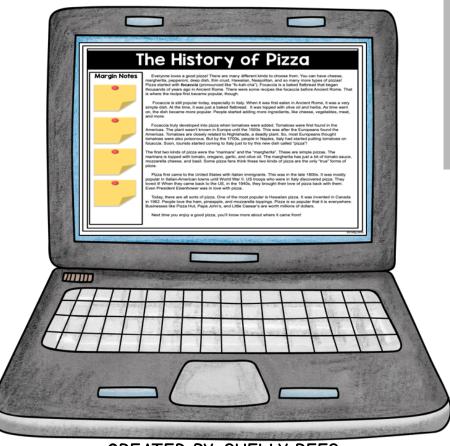
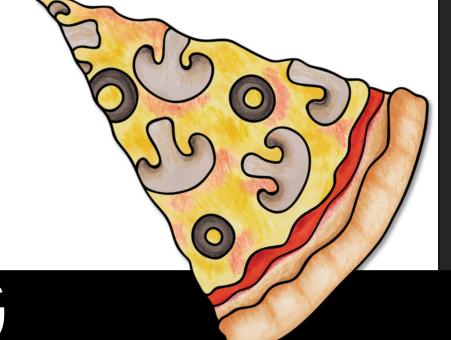
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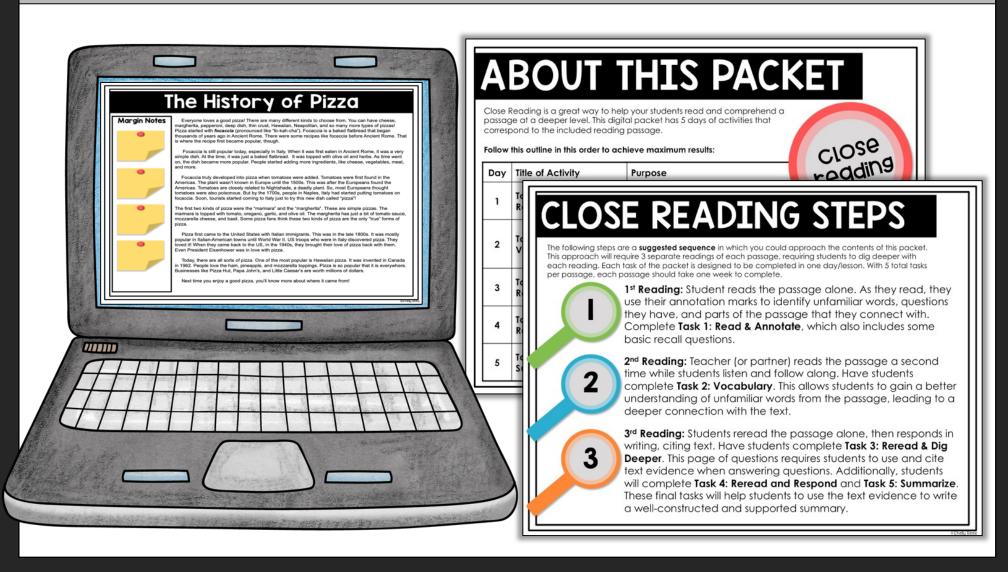
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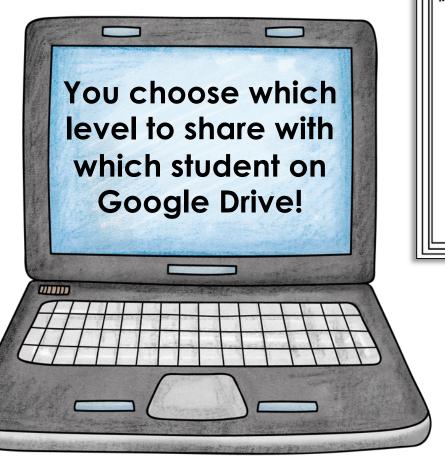
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The History of Pizza

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Everyone loves a good pizzal There are many different kinds to choose from. You can have cheese, margherita, pepperoni, deep dish, thin crust, Havailian, Neapolitan, and so many more types of pizzas! Pizza started with *Tocaccia* (pronounced like "fo-kah-cha"). Focaccia is a baked flatbread that began thousands of years ago in Ancient Rome. There were some recipes like focaccia before Ancient Rome. That is where the recipe first became popular, though.

Focaccia is still popular today, especially in Italy. When it was first eaten in Ancient Rome, it was a very simple dish. At the time, it was just a baked flatbread. It was topped with olive oil and herbs. As time went on, the dish became more popular. People started adding more ingredients, like cheese, vegetables, meat, and more.

Focaccia truly developed into pizza when tomatoes were added. Tomatoes were first found in the Americas. The plant wasn't known in Europe until the 1500s. This was after the Europeans found the Americas. Tomatoes are closely related to Nightshade, a deadly plant. So, most Europeans thought tomatoes were also poisonous. But by the 1700s, people in Naples, Italy had started putting tomatoes on focaccia. Soon, tourists started coming to Italy just to try this new dish called "pizza"!

The first two kinds of pizza were the "marinara" and the "margherita". These are simple pizzas. The margherita has just a bit of tomato, reagano, garfic, and olive oil. The margherita has just a bit of tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese, and basil. Some pizza fains think these two kinds of pizza are the only "ture forms of the pizza fains think these two kinds of pizza are the only "ture forms of the pizza fains."

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Just about everyone loves a good pizza. And there are plenty of options for those with different tastes. You can choose from cheese, margherita, pepperoni, deep dish, thin crust, Hawaiian, Neapolitan, and so many more! But what most people don't know is that pizza originated from *focaccia* (pronounced like "fo-kah-cha"). Focaccia is a baked flatbread that originated thousands of years ago in Ancient Rome. There were some recipes like focaccia even before Ancient Rome. but that is where the motion first became truly opoular.

Focaccia, as a matter of fact, is still popular today, especially in Italy. When it first showed up on the Ancient Raman food score, in twas a very simple dish. At the time, it was essentially just a baked flatbread. Sometimes people would top it with olive oil and maybe some herbs. As time went on, the dish spread across the Mediterranean area. People started adding more ingredients to focaccia, like cheese, vegetables, meat, and more.

But focaccia truly developed into pizza when tomatoes were added into the mix. Since tomatoes originated in the Americas, the plant wasn't introduced to Europe until the 1500s, after the Europeans figured out that Americas existed. But since tomatoes are so closely-related to Nightshade, a deady plant, most Europeans thought tomatoes were also poisonous. But by the 1700s, people in the Italian city of Naples had started topping their focaccia with tomatoes. It wasn't long before tourists started coming to Naples just to try this fantastic new dish called "otzza"!

The first two kinds of pizza were the "marinara" and the "margherita". These are simple pizzas. The marinara is topped with tomato, oregano, garlic, and olive oil. The margherita is topped with just a smidgeon of tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese, and basil. Some diehard pizza fans consider these two kinds of pizza to be the only "true" forms of pizza.

Pizza first came to the United States with Italian immigrants, in the late 1800s. It was mostly only popular in the Italian-American towns until World War II. US troops who were occupying Italy discovered pizza. Unsurprisingly, they loved it! When they came back to the US, in the 1940s, they brought their love of pizza back with them. Even President Eisenhower, who had been a general in WWII, was in love with the new dish.

Today, there are all sorts of pizza varieties. One of the most popular, Hawaiian pizza, was invented in Canada in 1962. People love the ham, pineapple, and mozzarella toppings. Pizza is so popular that it's everywhere. Businesses like Pizza Hut, Papa John's, Little Caesar's (and more) are worth many millions of dollars.

Next time you enjoy a good pizza, you'll know more about where it came from!

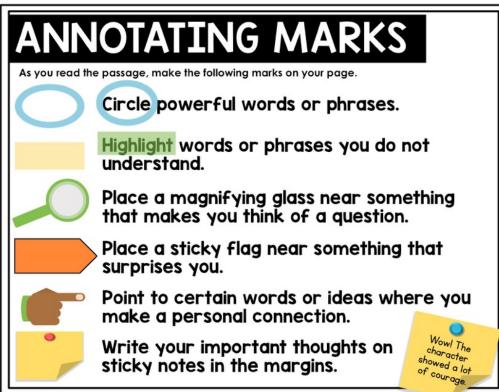
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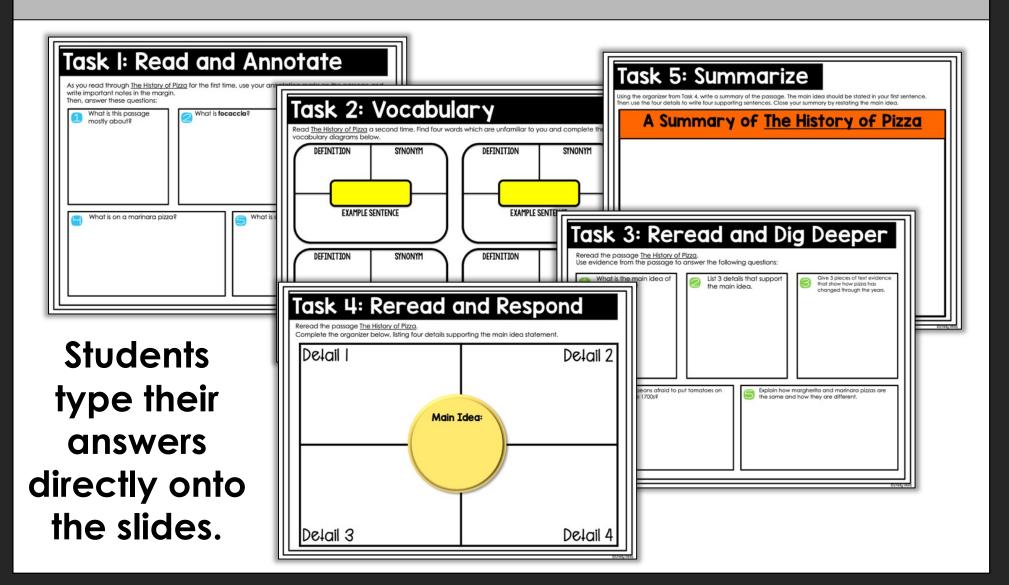
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