

# A COMPLETE LANGUAGE ARTS UNIT!

Create Student  
Gingerbread Packets that  
have **everything you need**  
**for your entire ELA block!**

**\*Or pick and choose the  
pages you want to use.**

## SO MANY SKILLS...

- Reading Skills
- Writing Skills
- Grammar Skills
- Oral Presentation
- Gingerbread House design
- AND MORE!



# GINGERBREAD UNIT

A complete ELA unit that gets students excited to **compare different versions of gingerbread stories!**

**8 DAYS OF LESSON PLANS DONE FOR YOU!**

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

## My Gingerbread Story

Pre-Writing

Characters: \_\_\_\_\_

Day One

Brainstorm: Have students find the "Gingerbread Brainstorm" on page two of their packets (or use in Interactive Notebooks). Copy the word "gingerbread" on the board, and work with students to write as many words that come to mind when they think of gingerbread (ie, man, house, "You can't catch me," oven, frosting etc...). Keep this list going throughout the unit and encourage students to add to it as they go.

Read Aloud Books: The Gingerbread Boy by Paul Galdone  
Gingerbread Baby by Jan Brett

\*\*\* Use the gingerbread man on a popsicle stick. Have students hold it up each time the "catch phrase" is used.

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

## Spelling

1. house
2. gingerbread
3. popped
4. hopped

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

## Different Versions of the Gingerbread Story

Title	Characters	Beginning

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

## The History of Gingerbread

The history of gingerbread begins almost two thousand years ago, when the ancient Romans brought a spice called ginger to Europe from India. People loved the taste and smell of the brown spice. But it wasn't until hundreds of years later that they added honey to the ginger with the honey, bread dough to make the first gingerbread.

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

## Gingerbread Spelling

1. house
2. gingerbread
3. popped

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

## Compare and Contrast

title \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Gingerbread Brainstorm

When I think of gingerbread, the words \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Gingerbread Word List

Let's brainstorm some more "gingerbread" words! Then, put them in alphabetical order.

ABC order

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_
11. \_\_\_\_\_
12. \_\_\_\_\_
13. \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Gingerbread

GRAB Sentence \_\_\_\_\_

Why would someone want one?: \_\_\_\_\_

What would someone use it for?: \_\_\_\_\_

What would happen if someone didn't have it?: \_\_\_\_\_

Any other details?: \_\_\_\_\_

# COMPARING STORIES

Graphic organizers included for comparing different gingerbread stories!

Includes a suggested book list or you can choose any gingerbread books you would like!

Compare and Contrast

title

title

Different Versions of the Gingerbread Man				
Title	Characters	Beginning	"Catch Phrase"	Ending
<u>The Gingerbread Boy</u> by Paul Galdone				
<u>Gingerbread Baby</u> by Jan Brett				
<u>Stop That Pickle</u> by Peter Armour				
<u>The Gingerbread Boy</u> by Richard Egielski				

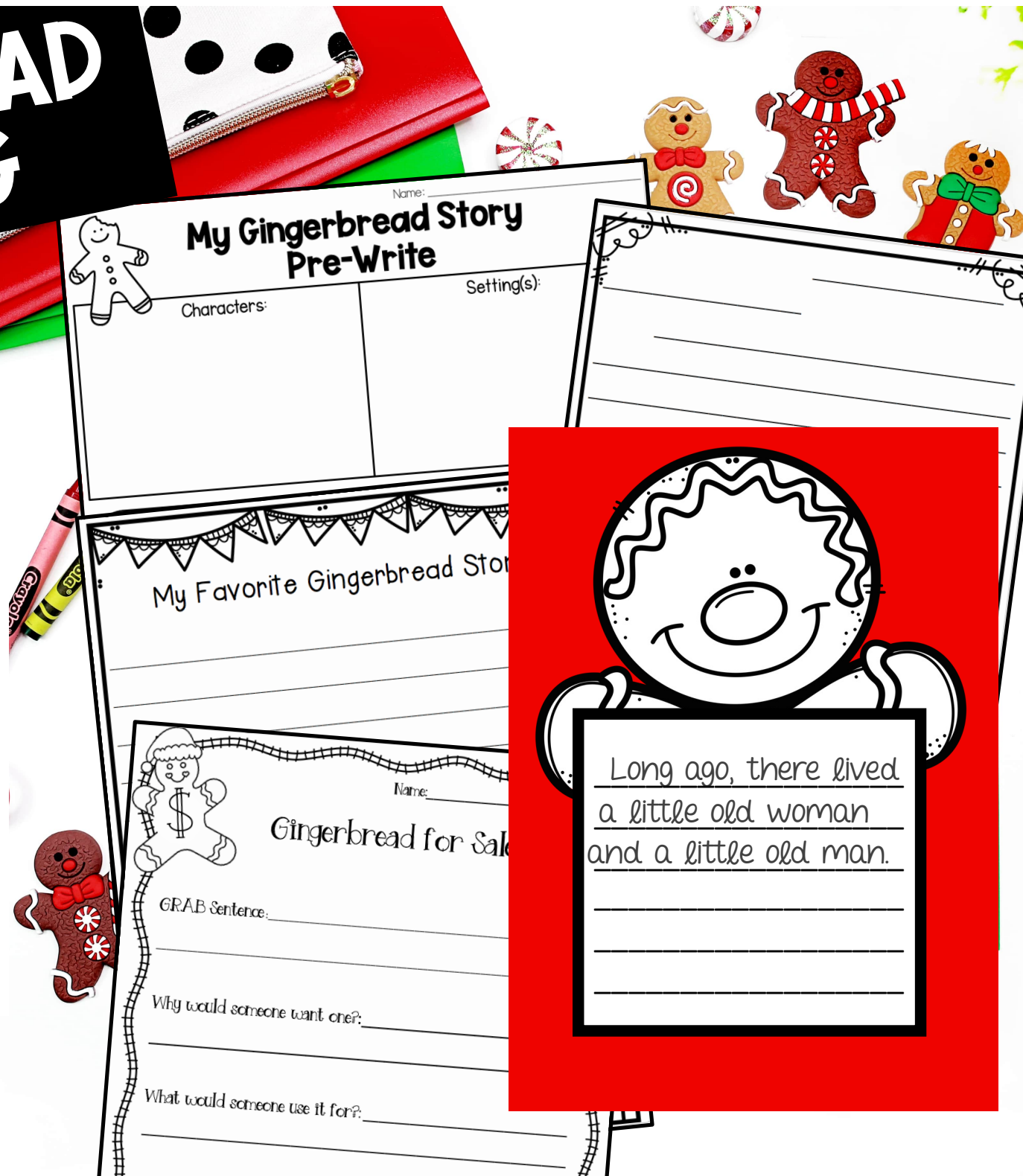
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# GINGERBREAD WRITING

Students create their own version of a gingerbread story and turn it into a creative writing mini book!


**+ MORE WRITING  
AND ORAL  
PRESENTATION  
ACTIVITIES!**



# GRAMMAR FUN!

## MULTIPLE SKILLS PRACTICED INCLUDING...

- Nouns
- Verbs
- Adjectives
- Contractions
- Synonyms

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

### Gingerbread Common Nouns

A common noun is a person, place, or thing. List some common nouns that are related to a gingerbread man. Then, put them in their appropriate category below.

<u>Common Nouns</u>		
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

<u>Person</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Thing</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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

### Gingerbread Synonyms

Synonyms are words that mean the same, or almost the same thing as another word. List synonyms for the words below.

<u>Word</u>	<u>Synonym</u>
1. run	_____
2. tasty	_____
3. grin	_____
4. jump	_____
5. happy	_____
6. small	_____
7. sneaky	_____

Now, think of three words you know, and a synonym for each word:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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# GINGERBREAD HOUSE

**Students get to design their own gingerbread house!**

**This is a fun activity to do before letting students build an actual gingerbread house out of milk cartons and graham crackers.**



# MORE WORD WORK FUN!

**Gingerbread  
spelling list  
and  
vocabulary  
cards are  
included, plus  
some ABC  
order  
practice!**



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8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_
11. \_\_\_\_\_
12. \_\_\_\_\_
13. \_\_\_\_\_
14. \_\_\_\_\_
15. \_\_\_\_\_

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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## Gingerbread Spelling 2x

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

1. house \_\_\_\_\_
2. gingerbread \_\_\_\_\_
3. popped \_\_\_\_\_
4. hopped \_\_\_\_\_
5. dough \_\_\_\_\_
6. catch \_\_\_\_\_
7. baked \_\_\_\_\_
8. woman \_\_\_\_\_
9. people \_\_\_\_\_
10. kitchen \_\_\_\_\_
11. cookie \_\_\_\_\_
12. oven \_\_\_\_\_
13. shouted \_\_\_\_\_
14. jumped \_\_\_\_\_
15. escaped \_\_\_\_\_

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# WHAT TEACHERS ARE SAYING...



"I used this for the first time this year with **my 3rd grade class. They LOVED it.** I used many of your ideas and easily added my own twists. **There are so many activities to do in this unit. It is easily adapted to meet all the needs of our students.** I will definitely be using this year after year."  
- Brittoni B.





# WHAT TEACHERS ARE SAYING...



"Great activities that I used during my Gingerbread unit this winter! **Students loved what they were doing and were engaged in with the materials.**"

-Kayla S.

