

The Know Nothings

This book is an absolute favorite with my students! I like it because it is easy to read and has basic vocabulary for my newly arrived students, yet is a chapter book that looks similar to other more grade-appropriate books their peers are reading. The students love it because it is just funny and simply ridiculous at times. My more proficient readers even enjoy picking up this book and reading it again from time to time, just because they like to laugh.

This comprehension packet includes the following:

Pg 2-5: Tri-fold brochure— I print these (double-side) and fold them for the kids. They use them as book marks and when we finish each chapter they complete the corresponding section. The back is an opportunity for them to practice using textual evidence in their writing, a big part of the CCSS! Page 4-5 is the answer key.

Pg 6-7: Comprehension Question Cards— I use this as an end of the book assessment. It can be done as a scoot or read-the-room activity, or the cards can be placed in a literacy center and students can work there. Page 6 is the cards (print, laminate, and cut), page 7 the recording sheet for student answers, and page 8 the key.

Pg 9-10: Web Investigation— This is a quick extension activity for the students to do either in a center or for early finishers. The students visit a website, read the article, and answer the questions about the history of French fries. There is audio available on the site so struggling readers have the option of having the article read to them. Page 10 is the answer key.