



The **TINY** SEED

Craft & Book Companion

A fun and engaging packet to help
students explore the story
The Tiny Seed!

What's Included:

- ♥ The Tiny Seed craft template
- ♥ Compare and Contrast writing pieces
- ♥ Venn diagram recording sheet
- ♥ Compare and Contrast graphic organizer
- ♥ Teacher directions
- ♥ Color example
- ♥ Black-and-white version
- ♥ Answer key





Teacher Directions

The Tiny Seed Book Companion



Students compare and contrast the tiny seed with the other seed encounters throughout the story. This engaging book companion helps identify similarities and differences while using text evidence to support their thinking.



COMPARE AND CONTRAST



Students compare the tiny seed to the other seeds it meets in the story. They identify similarities and differences in how each seed's journey is the same or different.



IDENTIFY SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES



Students look closely at the details to find ways the tiny seed is alike and different from the other seeds it encounters.



USE TEXT EVIDENCE



Students use words and pictures from the book to support their answers and show what the text says.



ORGANIZE INFORMATION



Students record their thinking using graphic organizers to keep their ideas clear and easy to understand.



STRENGTHEN READING COMPREHENSION



By comparing, analyzing, and using evidence, students deepen their understanding of the story and characters.

BEFORE READING



- Show the cover and read the title.
- Ask students what they notice about the tiny seed on the cover.
- Talk about what students know about seeds and how plants grow.
- Set a purpose for reading: "Let's read to see how the tiny seed's journey is similar to or different from the other seeds."

DURING READING



- Pause at key parts of the story to discuss the seeds the tiny seed meets.
- Ask guiding questions:
 - How is this seed's journey similar to the tiny seed?
 - How is it different?
 - What happened to this seed?
- Encourage students to think about the seeds' challenges, environment, and outcomes.

AFTER READING



- Students complete the book companion pages.
- Review answers and discuss similarities and differences as a class or in small groups.
- Encourage students to use text evidence to explain their thinking.
- Share and reflect on what they learned about the tiny seed and perseverance.

MATERIALS

- The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle
- Book companion worksheets
- Pencils, crayons or colored pencils
- Glue (for graphic organizer)
- Construction paper (optional)

EXTENSION IDEAS



- Create a "Seed Journey" timeline.
- Write a different ending for the tiny seed's journey.
- Plant a seed and observe its growth.
- Illustrate and write about the tiny seed's adventure.



DIFFERENTIATION TIPS



- Provide sentence starters or frames.
- Use picture support for early readers.
- Allow verbal responses before writing.
- Work in pairs or small groups for support.

The Tiny Seed

What are some traits of the tiny seed?

The tiny seed is a small. It is carried by the wind. It is strong and doesn't give up. It wants to grow into a flower.

Other Seeds

What are some traits of the other seeds?

The other seeds is big and has wings. The dandelion seed is light and floats in the wind.

The Tiny Seed Compare & Contrast

Similarities

What are some ways the tiny seed and the other seeds are alike?

They are all carried by the wind. They all have a goal to grow into flowers.

Differences

How are the seeds different?

The tiny seed is very small. The other seeds are bigger. The tiny seed is dark and the dandelion seeds are light. They travel in different ways.

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The Tiny Seed

Compare &
Contrast

Name: _____

Date: _____



The Tiny Seed: Compare and Contrast



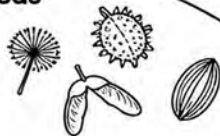
Directions: Compare the tiny seed with the other seeds it meets in the story.

Write or draw in the Venn diagram and then write about the similarities and differences below.

The Tiny Seed



Other Seeds



Both



Similarities

How are the tiny seed and the other seeds alike?

Differences

How are the tiny seed and the other seeds different?

