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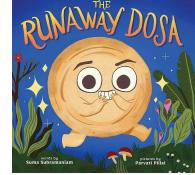
#### ABOUT THE BOOK

It's time for breakfast, and Akka is hungry! When she reaches for another dosa before the rest of the family has been served, she triggers a magical spell that brings the dosa to life, and it sprints out the door. Akka will need the help of some powerful, mythological creatures to get her breakfast back!

Inspired by Dosai! Amma, Dosai, a beloved Tamil rhyme, and a fantastical reimagination of the familiar Gingerbread Man story, this book offers a delicious Indian twist that will have any child asking for more!

#### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR** SUMA SUBRAMANIAM

Suma Subramaniam is an Indian American author and volunteer for We Need Diverse Books. She is a contributing author for The Hero Next Door (Penguin Random House) and the author of Namaste Is A Greeting (Candlewick). She has an MFA in Writing from Vermont College Of Fine Arts. She Sang For India is her nonfiction picture book debut.



#### PRE-READING ACTIVITIES

Before reading The Runaway Dosa consider the following activities to engage your readers.

- Take a picture walk of the story, 1 flipping each page and pointing out the illustrations. Encourage students to predict what will happen in the story.
- 2 Host a class-wide discussion about the title. Why did the author choose that title? What might we be reading about?
- Create a mind map, documenting what 3. students know about the traditional story of The Gingerbread Man. Then, use the chart to compare and contrast after reading.

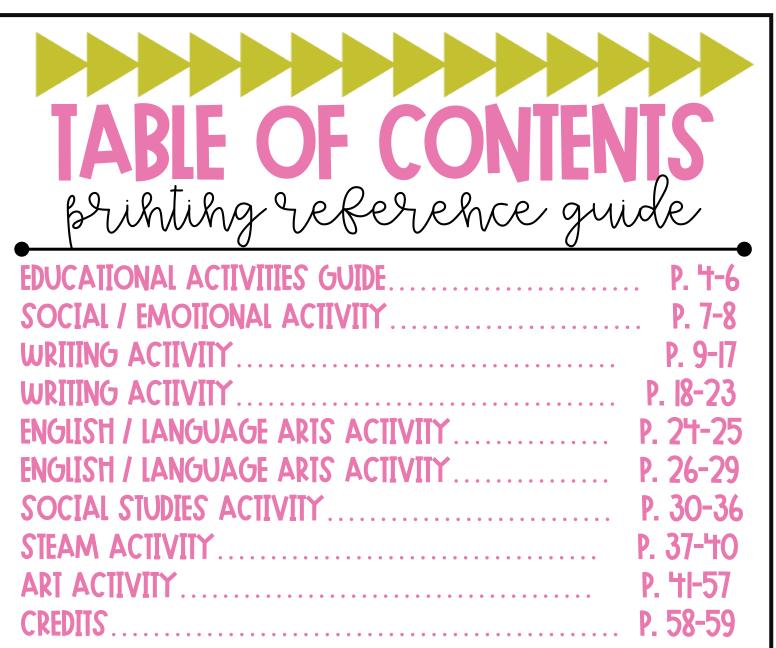


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#### SOCIAL / EMOTIONAL culture perhapt flag

Targel Grade Range: K - 5th Grade The words and illustrations in THE RUNAWAY DOSA give us a peek into Indian culture. Celebrate your students' culture with this fun and personal pennant flag. This interactive social-emotional activity allows learners to appreciate the parts of their culture that make them unique and different. It also provides an opportunity for students to learn more about each other.



#### WRITING tamil word dictionary

Target Grade Range: 1st - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade There are many Tamil words listed throughout the story. In fact, Suma Subramaniam provides readers with a glossary of Tamil words, complete with definitions. Revisit the glossary of Tamil words, discuss and write their meanings, and add a picture to each definition. Cover a range of language and reading standards with this fun project!

#### WRITING animal symbolism research

ESOURCES DESIGNED BY: the support side Targel Grade Range: 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade We learn all about the different animals and what they symbolize in Hindu culture. Invite students to research an animal that symbolizes something special and write about their findings. This activity includes differentiated graphic organizers and writing paper for a range of students.

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#### ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS SC

#### compare + contrast

Target Grade Range: K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade THE RUNAWAY DOSA is inspired by the familiar folktale The Gingerbread Man. In this reading comprehension activity, students will use a Venn Diagram to consider the similarities and differences between two folktales -The Runaway Dosa and The Gingerbread Man.

#### ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS problem + solution

Target Grade Range: K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fiction stories have a central problem and solution. Explore the big problem the Kids encounter and how the problem is solved. Students can draw a creative picture to go along with their thoughts, using their favorite art supply. The graphic organizers have differentiated lined paper, appropriate for students in a range of grade levels.

#### SOCIAL STUDIES all about hindu animals brochure

Target Grade Range: 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Suma Subramaniam invites us to think about Indian culture throughout the story. In this brochure activity, students will write about facts they learn about Hinduism. Those who finish early can decorate the clip images with their preferred art supply. The brochure templates have differentiated lined paper allowing a range of students to complete this activity.



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#### STEAM magical recipe

Target Grade Range: K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade This story is all about FOOD! In fact, one of the main characters is a piece of food. In this STEAM activity, students use engineering and designing skills to create a magical recipe that they would want to come to life. Students write step-by-step recipe instructions and draw a picture of the final dish.

#### ART ruhaway dosa orakt

**Target Grade Range: K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** What better way to celebrate this fun story than with an art project? Have students cut out and assemble the craft templates according to the final picture, They will then write about where they'd hide if they were the runaway dosa. The detailed how to instructions and pictures of the final project help students create a masterpiece of their very own.

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## Social / Emotional Activity Culture Pennant Flag



CULTURE PENNANT FLAG

#### <u>Standards:</u>

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#### You will need:

- White copy paper
- Pencils
- Scissors
- Art Supplies

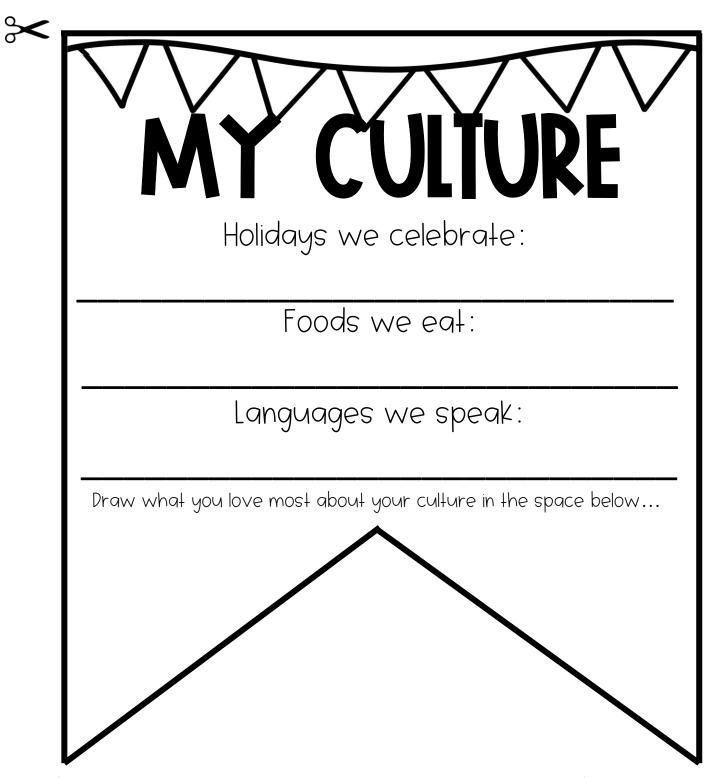
#### <u>Step-by-step to-do list:</u>

- 1. Copy the MY CULTURE FLAGS on white copy paper.
- 2. Discuss culture with students and how everyone has different traditions they practice as part of their culture. Relate this to the examples of culture we see in THE RUNAWAY DOSA. Have students cut out the ALL ABOUT ME FLAGS.
- 3. Then, they should fill in each blank on their flag and decorate it using their favorite art supply.
- 4. When students finish, encourage them to share with their classmates.
- 5. Finally, collect them and display them around the classroom.
- 6. For younger students (1st grade and younger) you may want to complete this activity as a whole group together.

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#### CUTTING PERMANANT FLAG Cut apart the flag below and fill in the blanks. Draw a picture of your culture in the space below. Decorate it and hang it somewhere special.



# WRITING ACTIVITY TAMIL DICTIONARY

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FAMIL WORDS

#### <u>Standards:</u>

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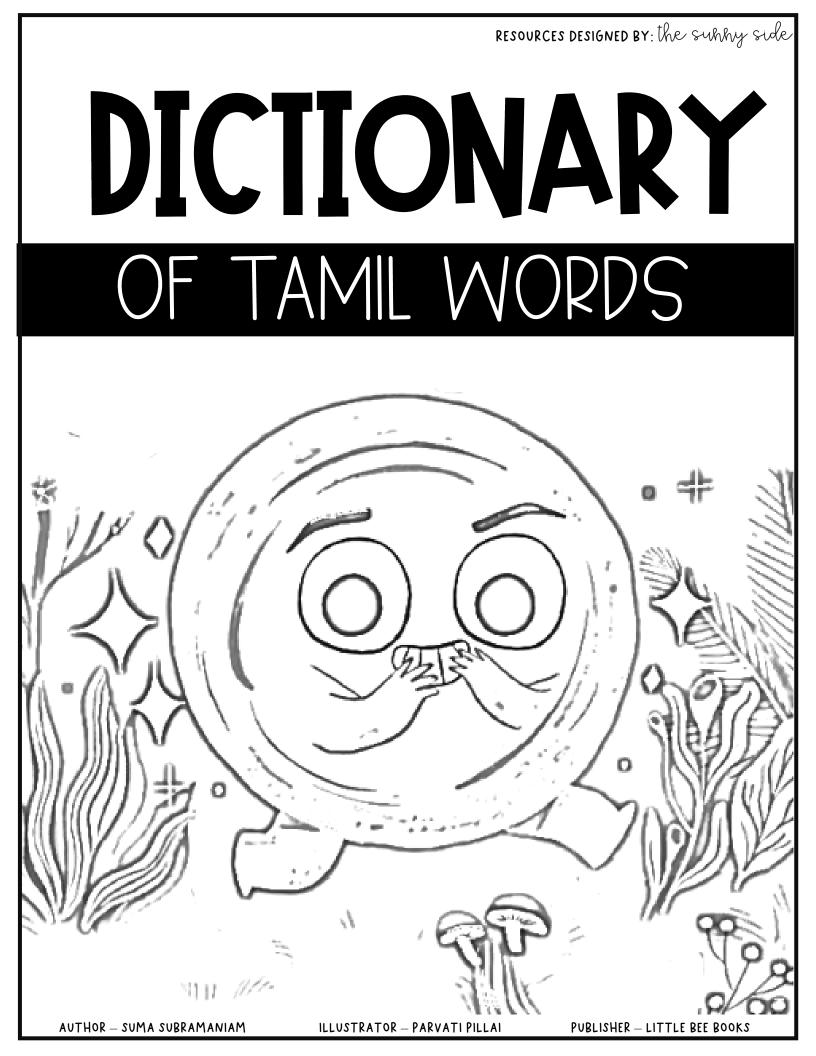
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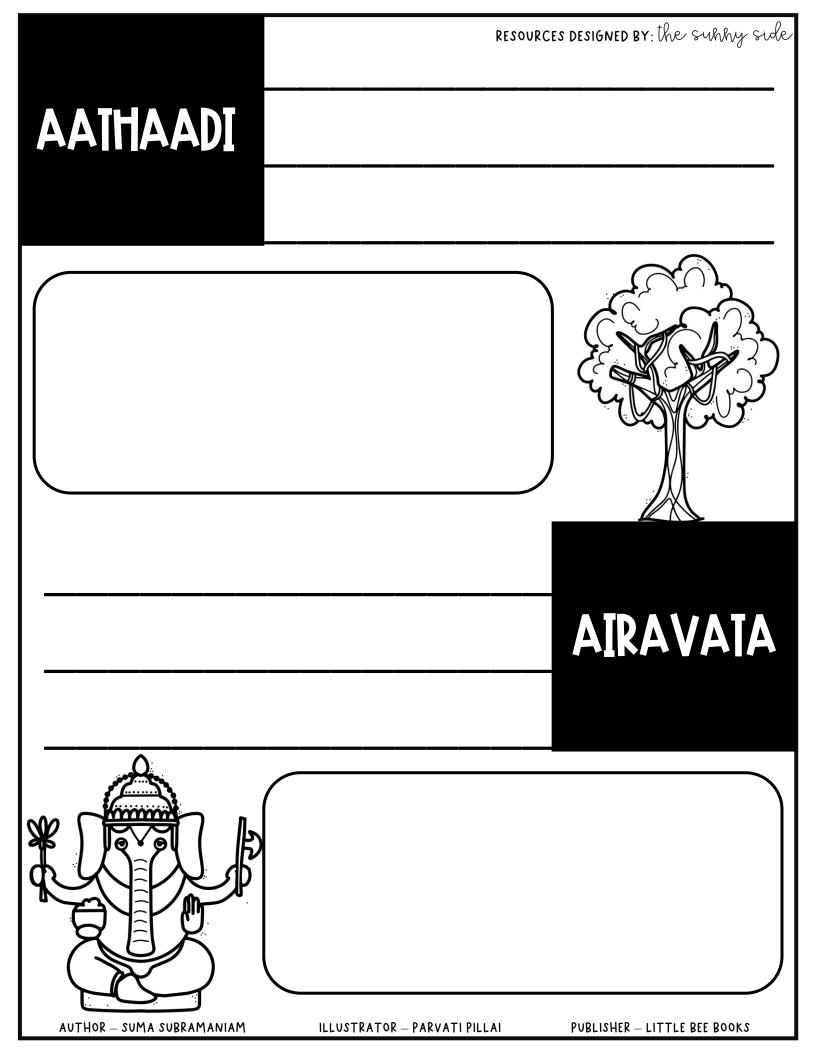
- White or colored copy paper
- Pencils

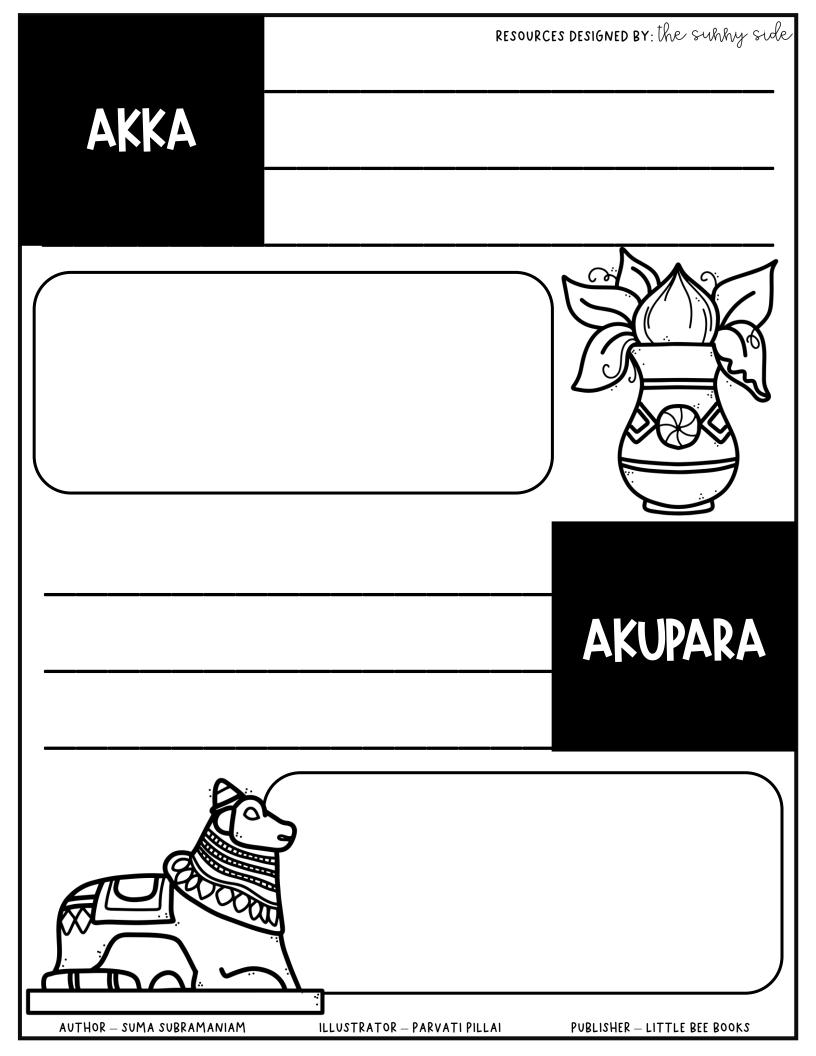
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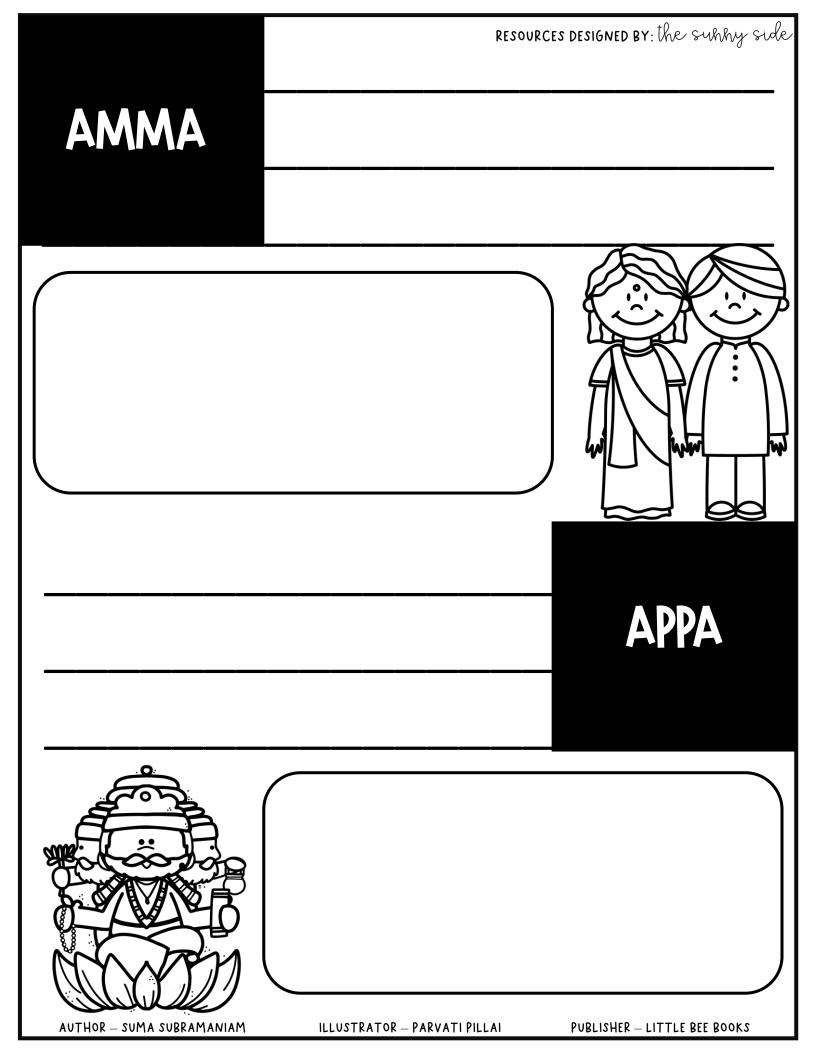
- 1. Copy the TAMIL DICTIONARY on white copy paper.
- 2. Flip to the glossary of Tamil words inside THE RUNAWAY DOSA.
- 3. Discuss the meaning of each Tamil word/phrase and record the definition on the white-board for students to copy in their dictionaries.
- 4. In the blank on the sheet, students will draw a picture to go along with their word description.
- 5. For younger students, (1<sup>st</sup> grade and younger) you may want to complete this activity as a whole group or encourage students to draw rather than write.

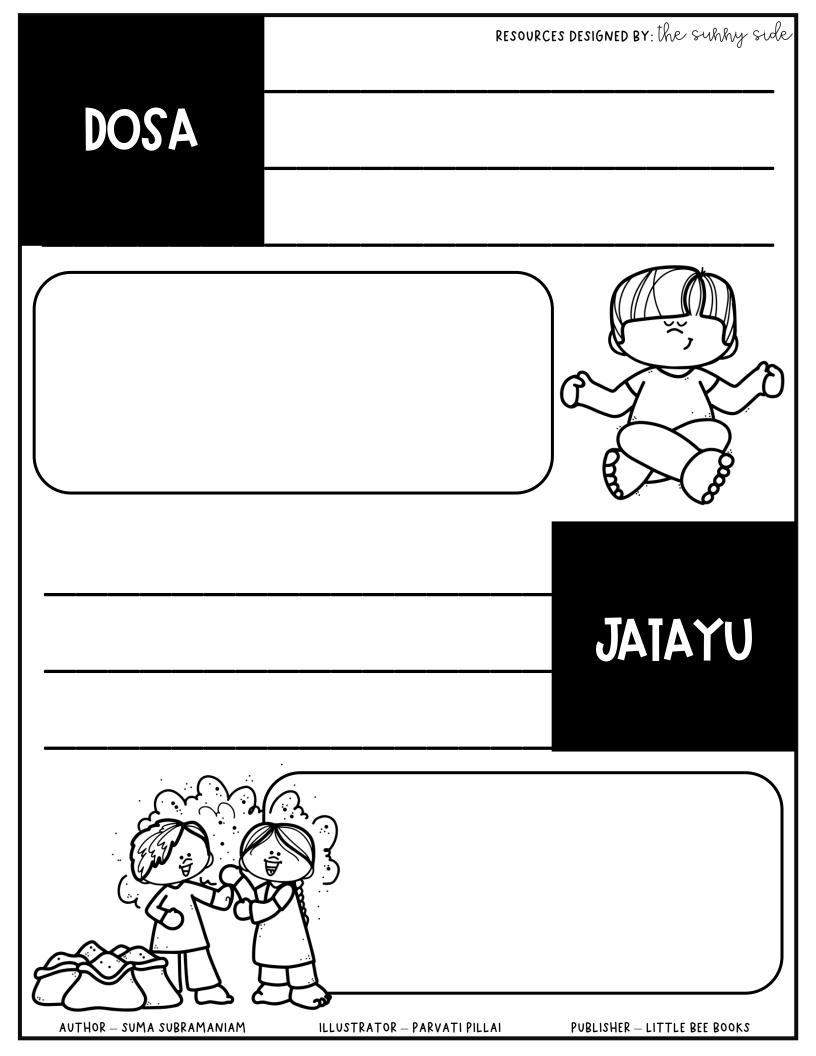
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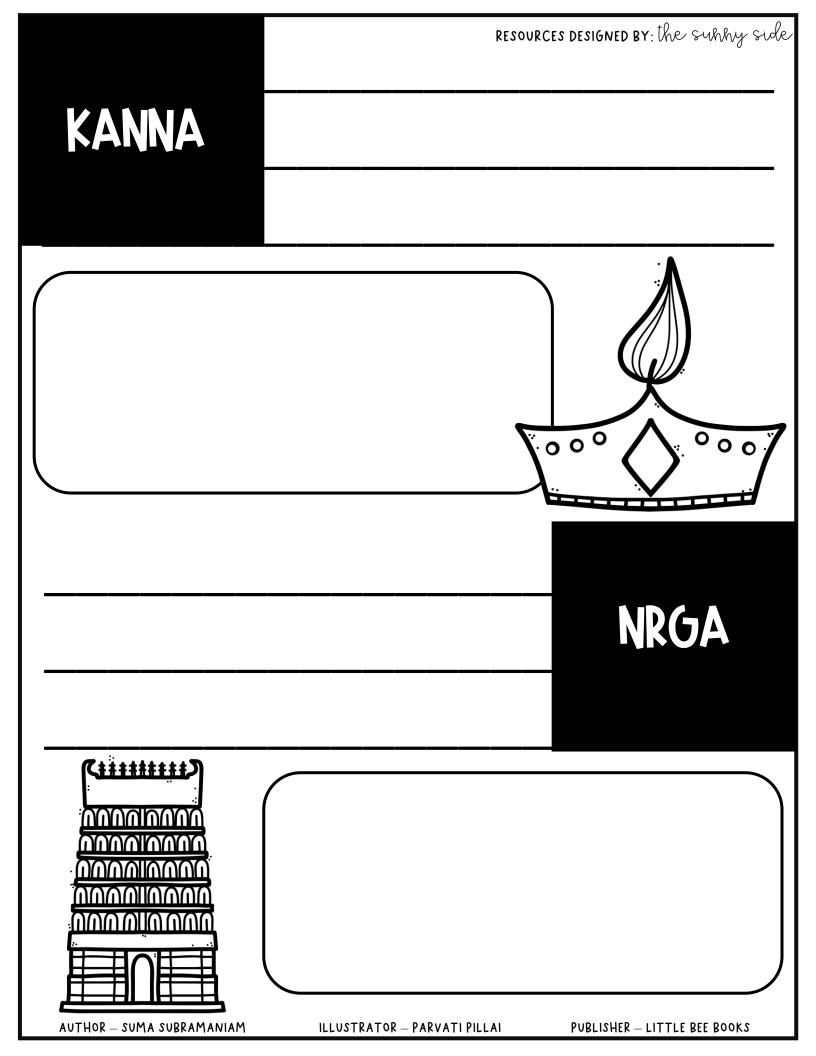


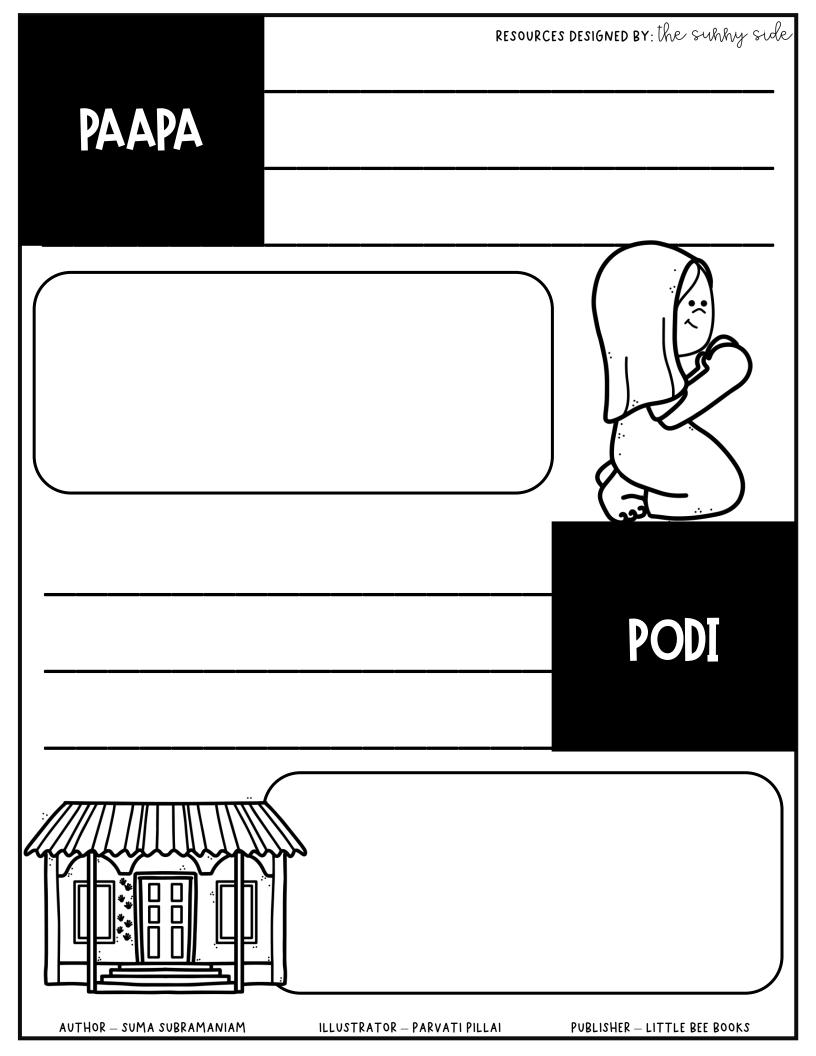


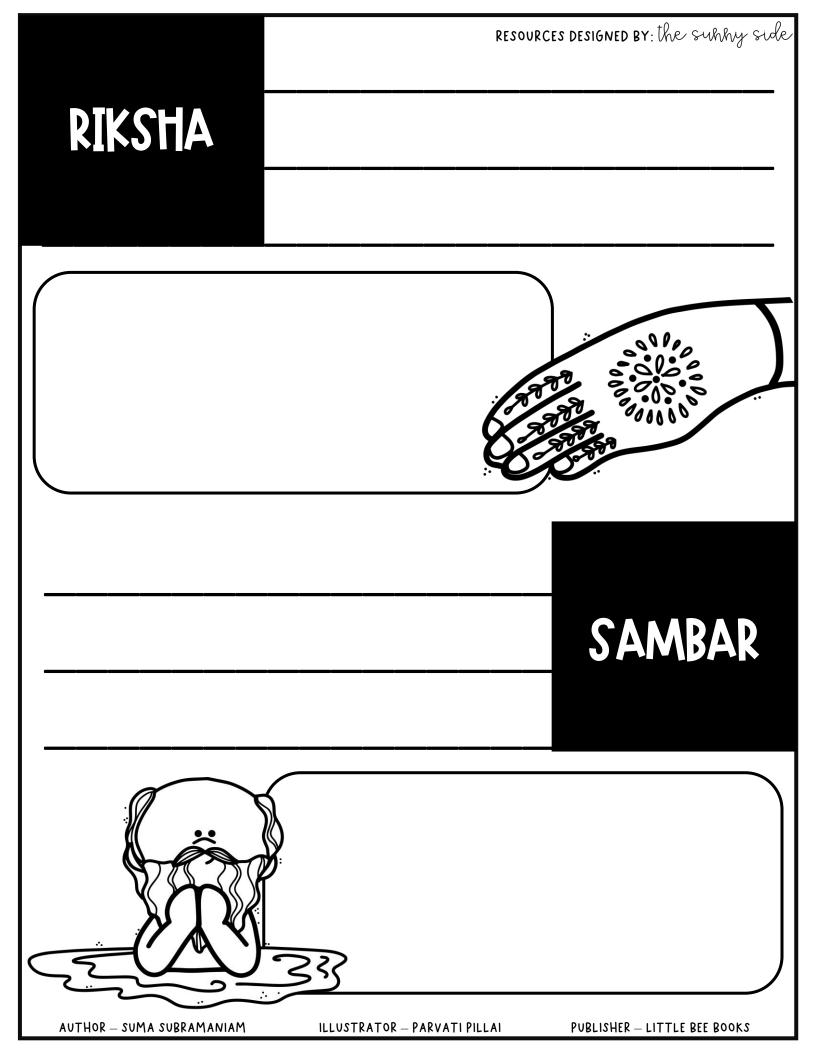












## **WRITING ACTIVITY** ANIMAL SYMBOLISM RESEARCH

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#### You will need:

- White copy paper
- Access to Chromebooks or iPads
- Pencils

#### <u>Step-by-step to-do list:</u>

- Decide which differentiated RESEARCH PAPER works best for your students 1 and copy on while paper.
- Distribute the fact graphic organizers and writing paper to students. 2.
- 3 Flip to the backmatter section of THE RUNAWAY DOSA and read all about the animals in the story and what they symbolize in Indian folklore.
- Encourage students to research an animal (one from the book or one they 4. choose on their own) that's thought to symbolize something special (having access to technology like Chromebooks or I-pads works best).
- Students should record the facts they learn about the animal they're 5. researching.
- RESOURCES DESIGNED BY: The submy side Finally, have students write an informational paragraph on the writing paper 6. by copying the facts and adding an introduction and conclusion sentence.
- For younger students (1st grade and younger) you may want to complete 7. this as a shared research project, where students copy your research.

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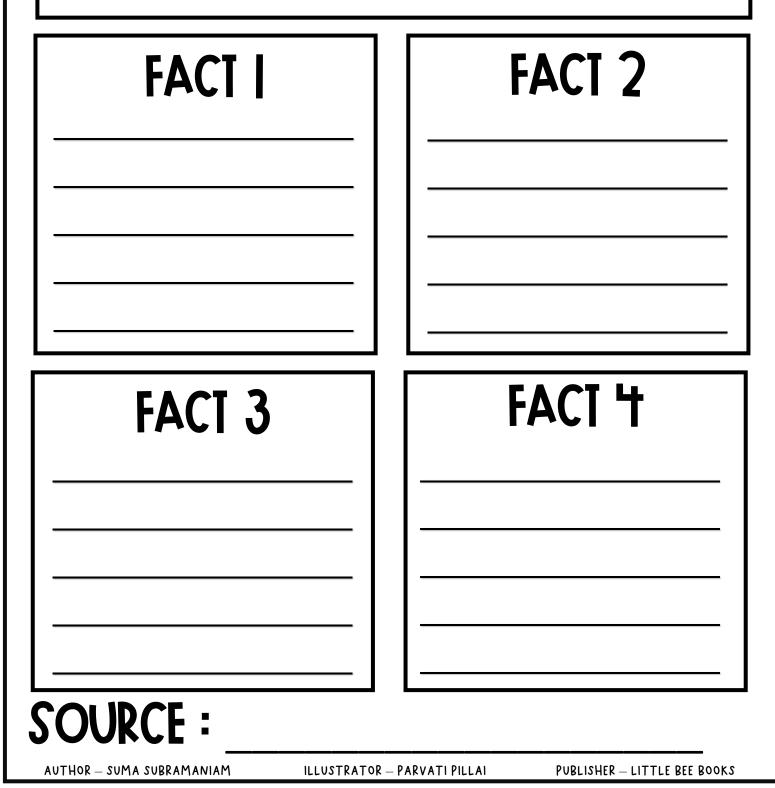
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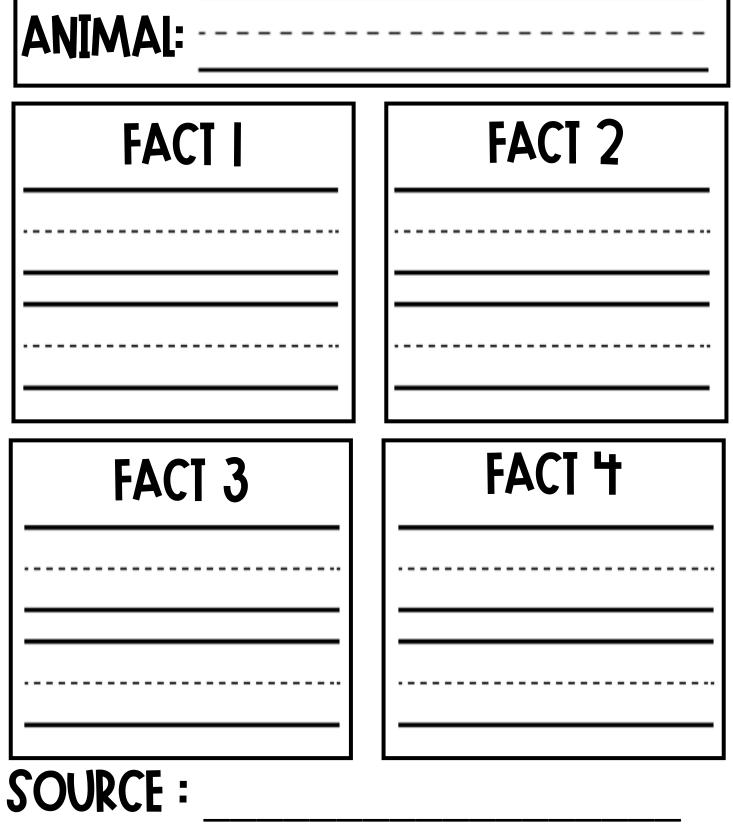
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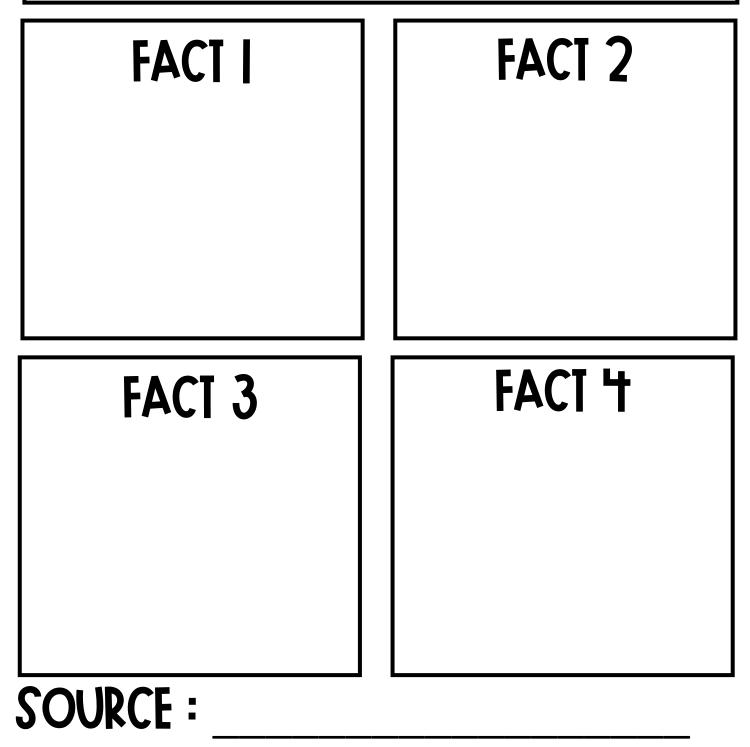
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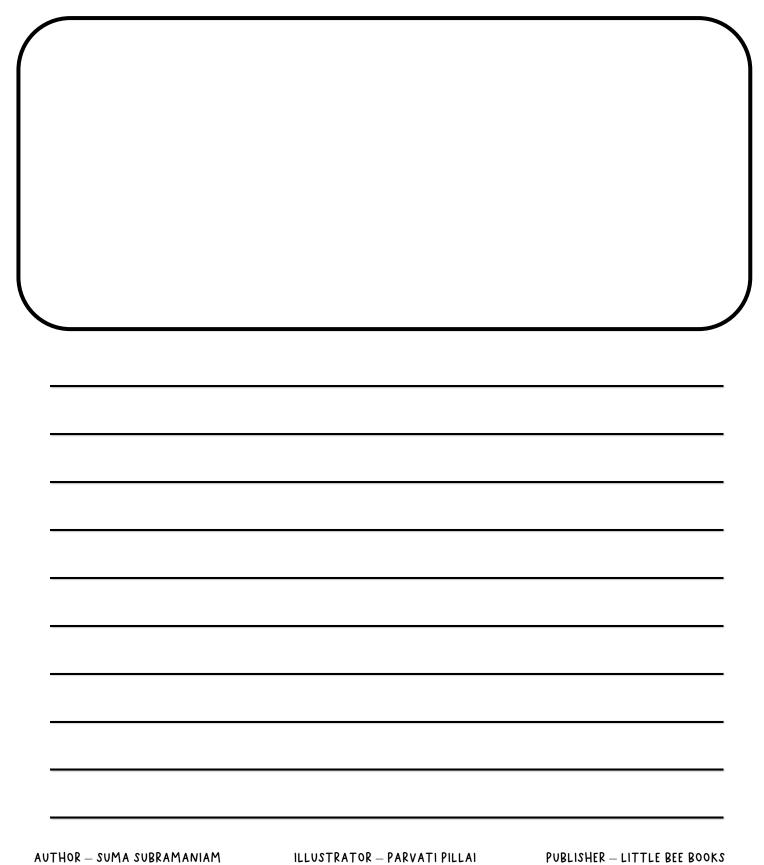


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## ENGLISH / LANGUAGE **ARIS ACTIVITY** COMPARE & CONTRAST

#### Standards:

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#### You will need:

- White copy paper
- Pencils

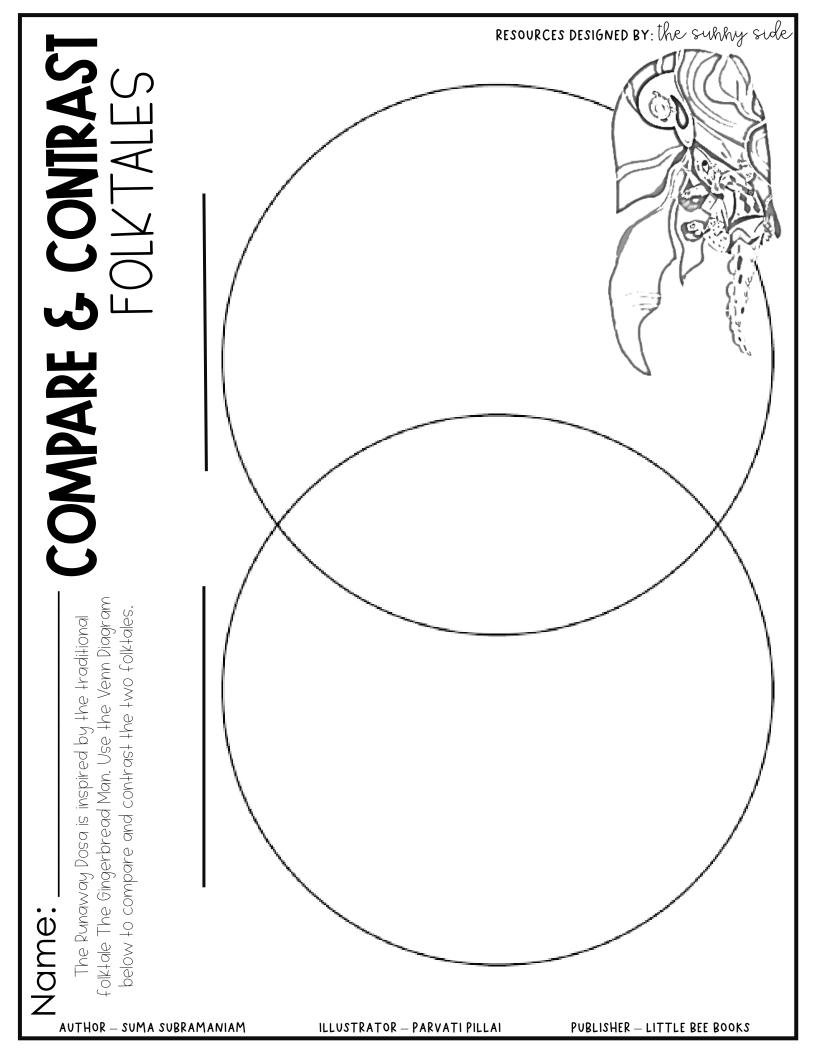
#### <u>Step-by-step to-do list:</u>

- Copy the COMPARE AND CONTRAST page on white copy paper. 1
- Discuss the ways that THE RUNAWAY DOSA and THE GINGERBREAD MAN are 2. similar and different
- Students should write ways that the folktales are similar in the middle circle 3. and ways that the folktales are different in the outer circles.
- 4. Take it a step further by inviting students to choose another folk tale to compare and contrast THE RUNAWAY DOSA to,
- For younger students (1st grade and younger) you may want to complete 5. this activity as a whole group together.

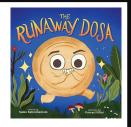


COMPARE & CONTRA

FOLKTALES



## ENGLISH / LANGUAGE ARIS ACTIVITY PROBLEM & SOLUTION



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SOLUTION

DRAW A PICTURE!

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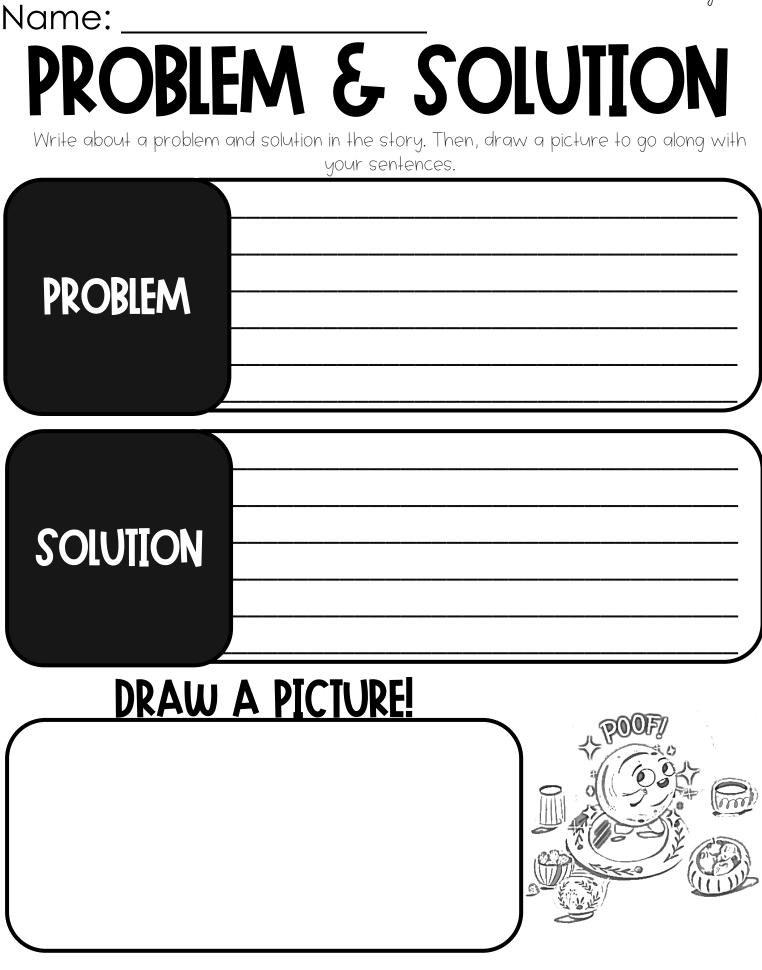
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#### You will need:

- White copy paper
- Pencils
- Art Supplies (crayons or colored pencils)

#### <u>Step-by-step to-do list:</u>

- 1. Decide which differentiated worksheets work best for your students.
- 2. Copy the PROBLEM AND SOLUTION graphic organizers on white copy paper.
- 3. Brainstorm with students a problem that was encountered in THE RUNAWAY DOSA and how that problem was solved.
- 4. Students should write about a problem, a solution to the problem, and then draw a picture to go along with their thoughts.
- 5. Allow students an opportunity to share with other students in class.
- 6. For younger students (1<sup>st</sup> grade and younger) you may want to complete this activity as a whole group or use the graphic organizer with blank boxes for students to draw rather than write.



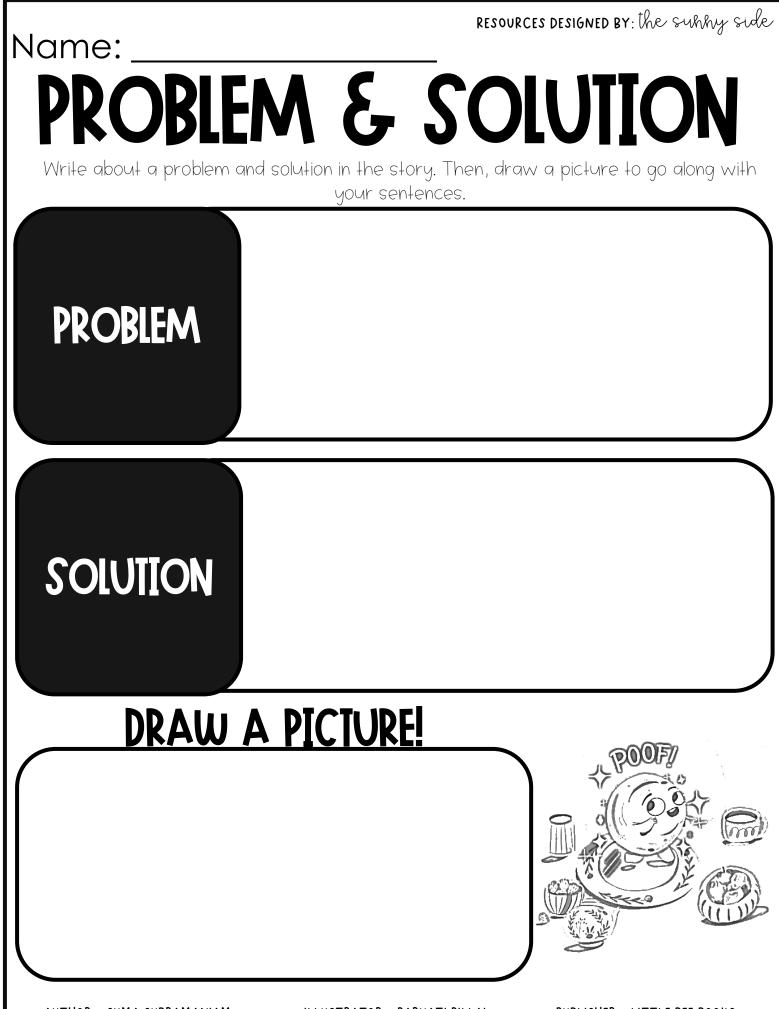
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RESOURCES DESIGNED BY: the supply side Name: PROBLEM & SOLUTION Write about a problem and solution in the story. Then, draw a picture to go along with your sentences. PROBLEM SOLUTION DRAW A PICTURE!

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## SOCIAL SCIENCE ACTIVITY INDIAN CULTURE BROCHURE



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#### You will need:

- White copy paper
- Pencils
- Crayons / colored pencils / markers

#### <u>Step-by-step to-do list:</u>

 Decide which differentiated lined paper works best for your students and copy the ALL ABOUT INDIA BROCHURES on white copy paper (copy the templates back-to-back so that they open like an actual brochure).

POPULAR

RELIGIOUS

- 2. Distribute brochures to students.
- 3. Explain that we learn more about Indian culture through the story's plot and illustrations.
- 4. Use a Chromebook or research device to answer the questions about Indian culture.
- 5. If students finish early, they can add color to their brochures with their preferred art supply.
- 6. Students can share and compare their thinking in partnerships or in small groups.
- 7. For younger students (1st grade and younger) you may want to complete this activity as a whole group together.

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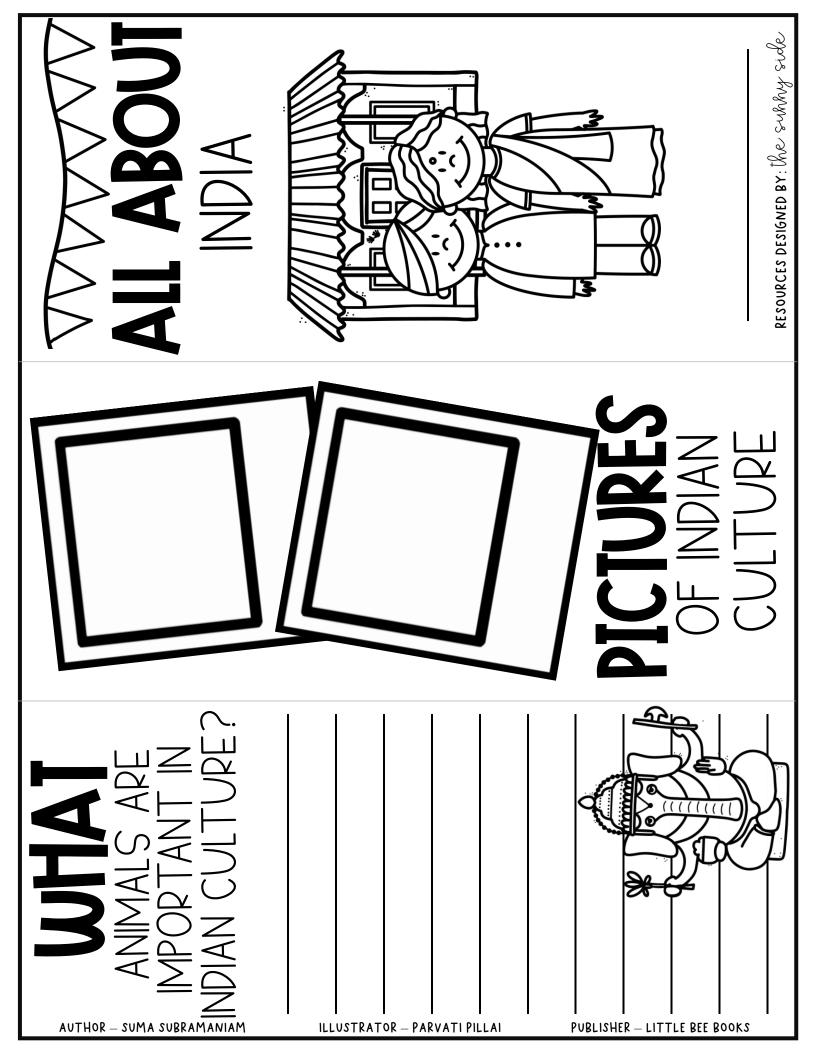
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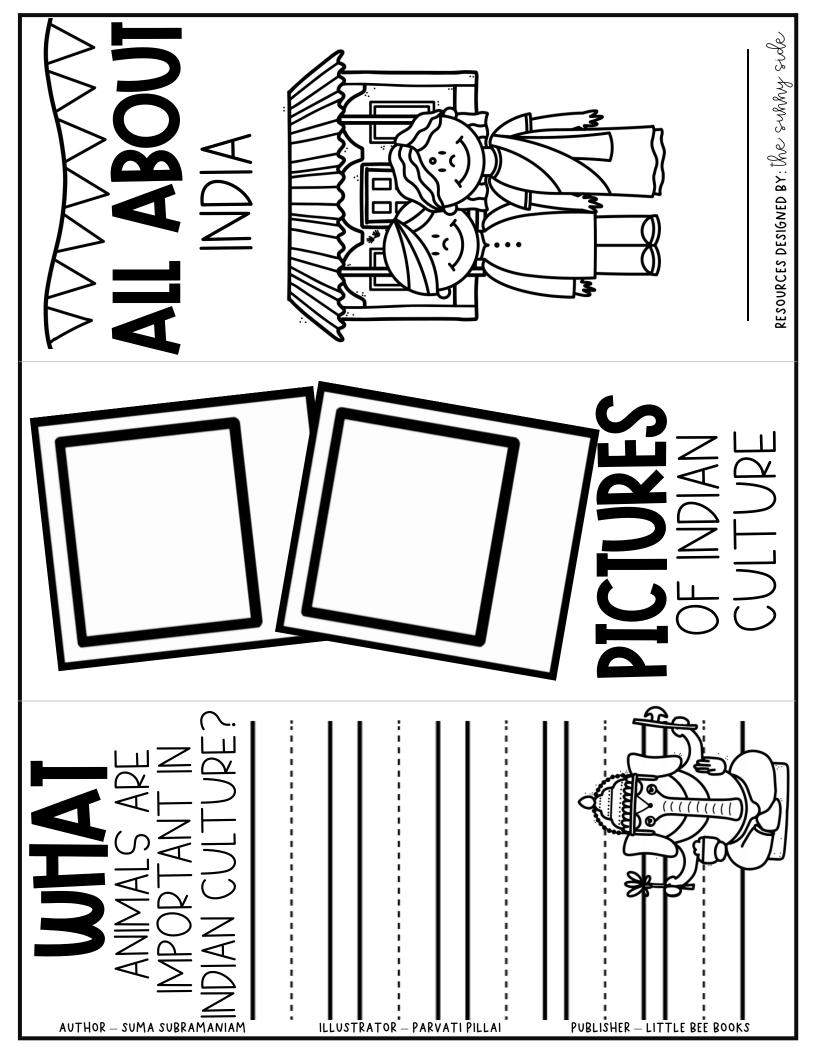
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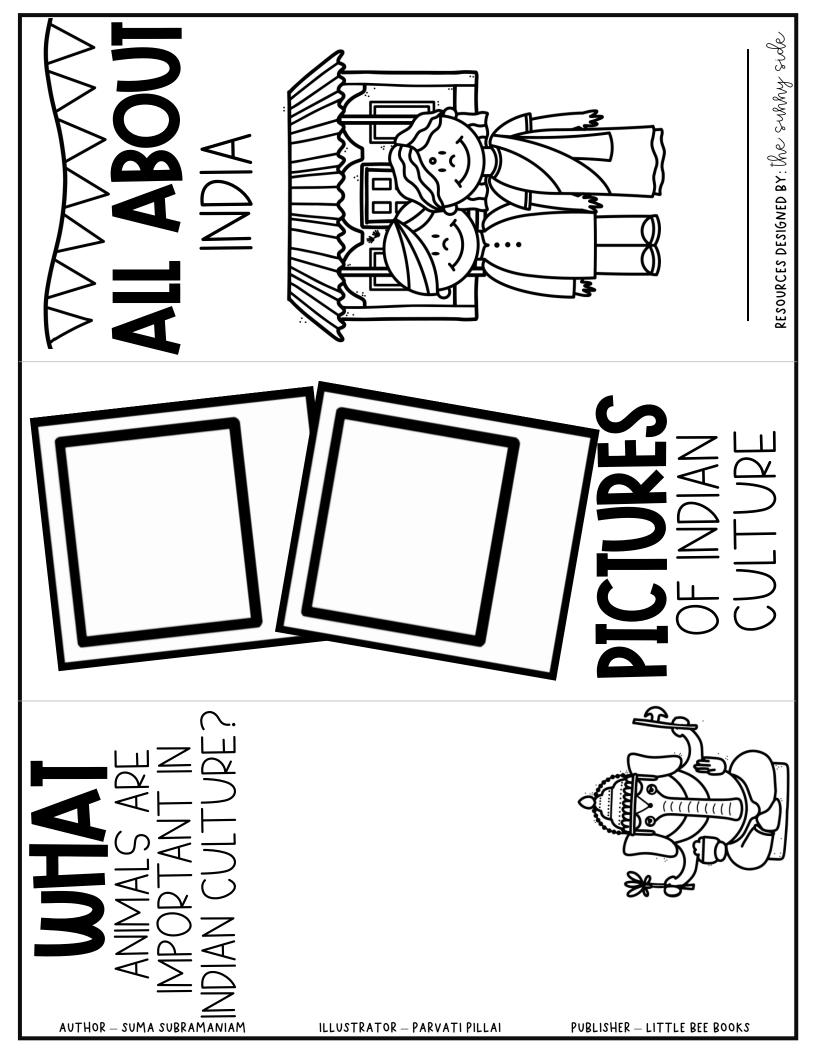
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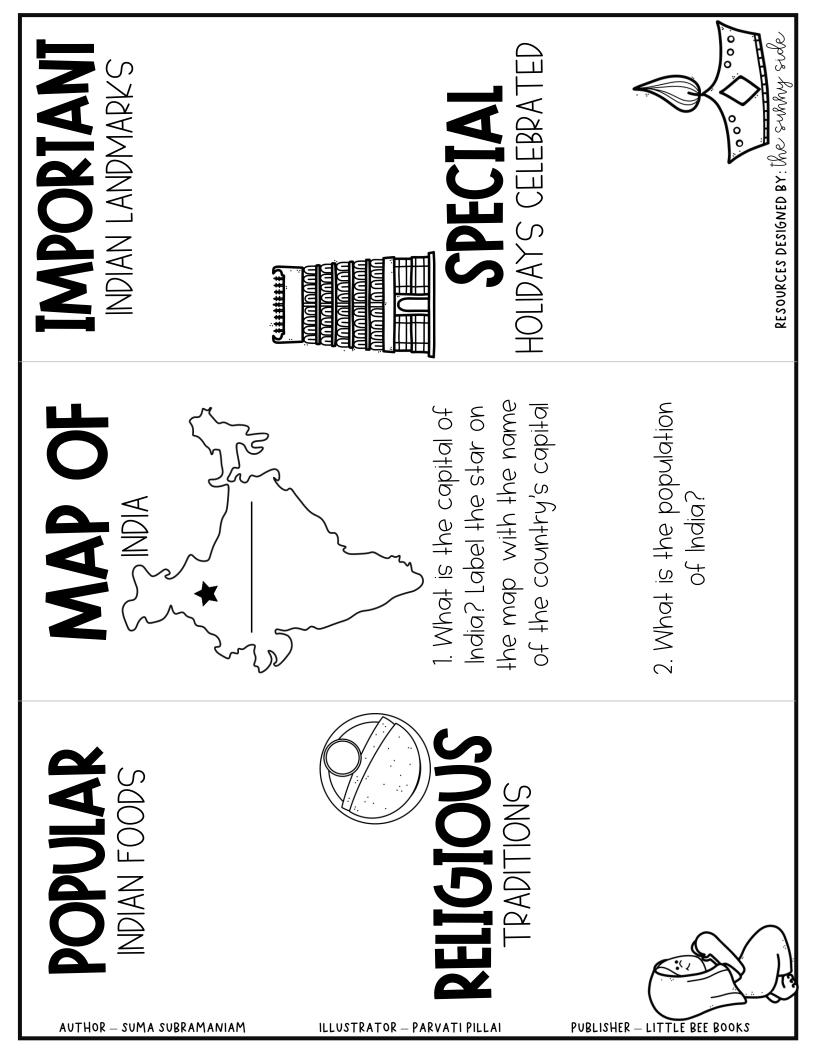




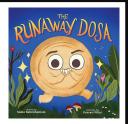


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	of the country's capital	HULIVATS CELEBRATED
	2. What is the population of India?	
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## STEAM ACTIVITY MAGICAL RECIPE CARD



MY MAGICAL

RECIPE CARD

### Standards:

NGSS: 3-5-ETS1-1. NGSS: 3-5-ETS1-2. NGSS: 3-5-ETS1-3.

### You will need:

- White copy paper
- Pencils
- Art Supplies (crayons or colored pencils)

## Step-by-step to-do list:

Decide which differentiated lined paper works best for your students and 1 copy the MY MAGICAL RECIPE CARD pages on white copy paper.

MY MAGICAL

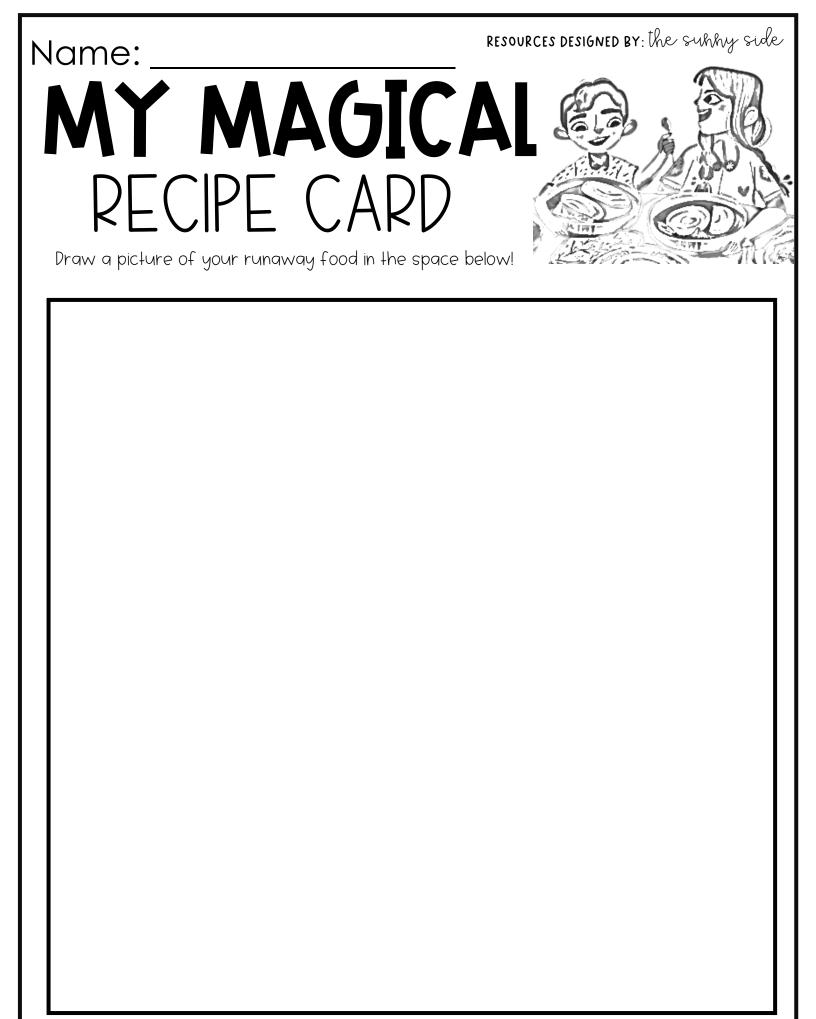
RECIPE CARE

GREDIENTS FOR MY MAGICAL

- Explain that students will have the opportunity to design and create their 2. very own magical recipe that would come to life like the Runaway Dosa.
- 3. Review and brainstorm some popular foods with students before allowing them time to create.
- Students will complete the recipe cards by writing on the lines and draw a 4. picture of their final creation.
- 5 Allow students an opportunity to share in partnerships, small groups, or as a class
- For younger students (1st grade and younger) you may want to complete 6. this activity as a whole group together.

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STEP-BY-STEP DIRECTIONS:	

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# ARTACIVITY RUNAWAY DOSA CRAFT

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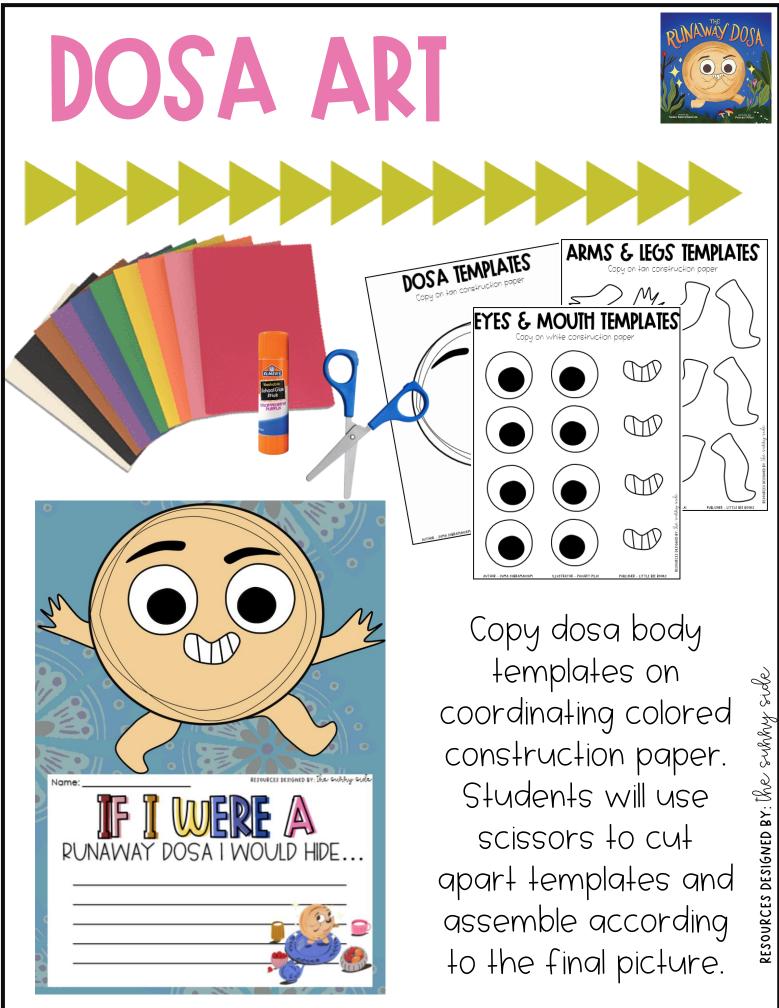
### You will need:

- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Colored construction paper
- Scrapbook or patterned paper / cardstock

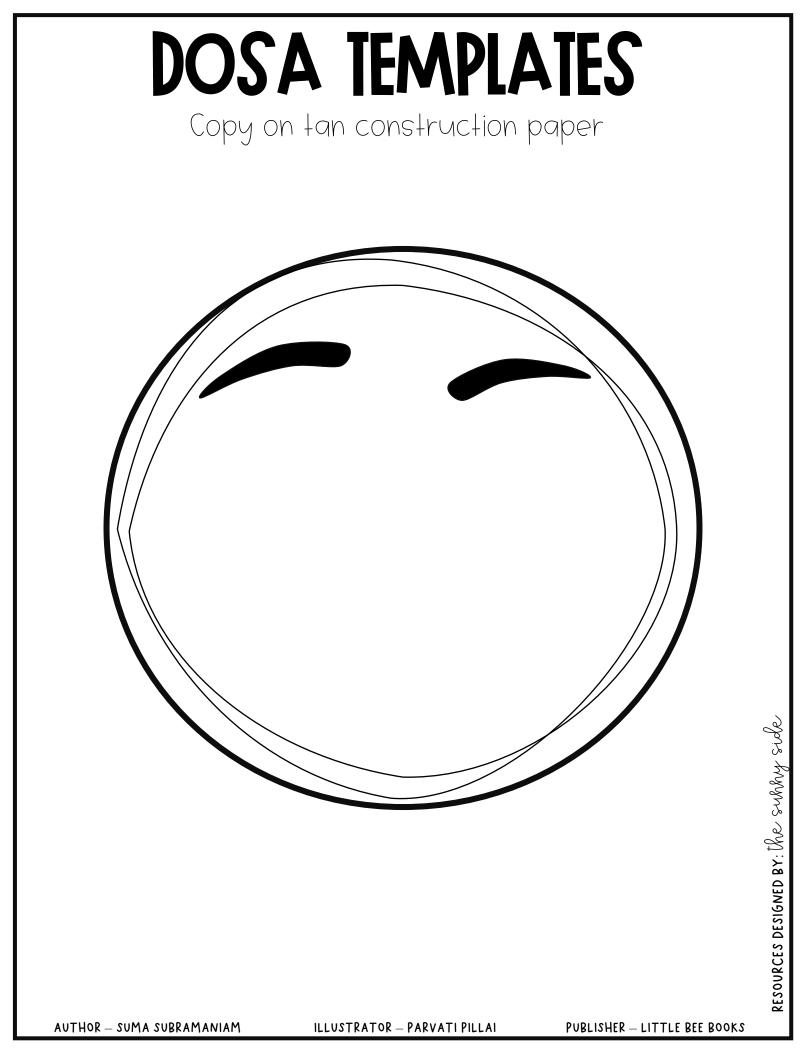
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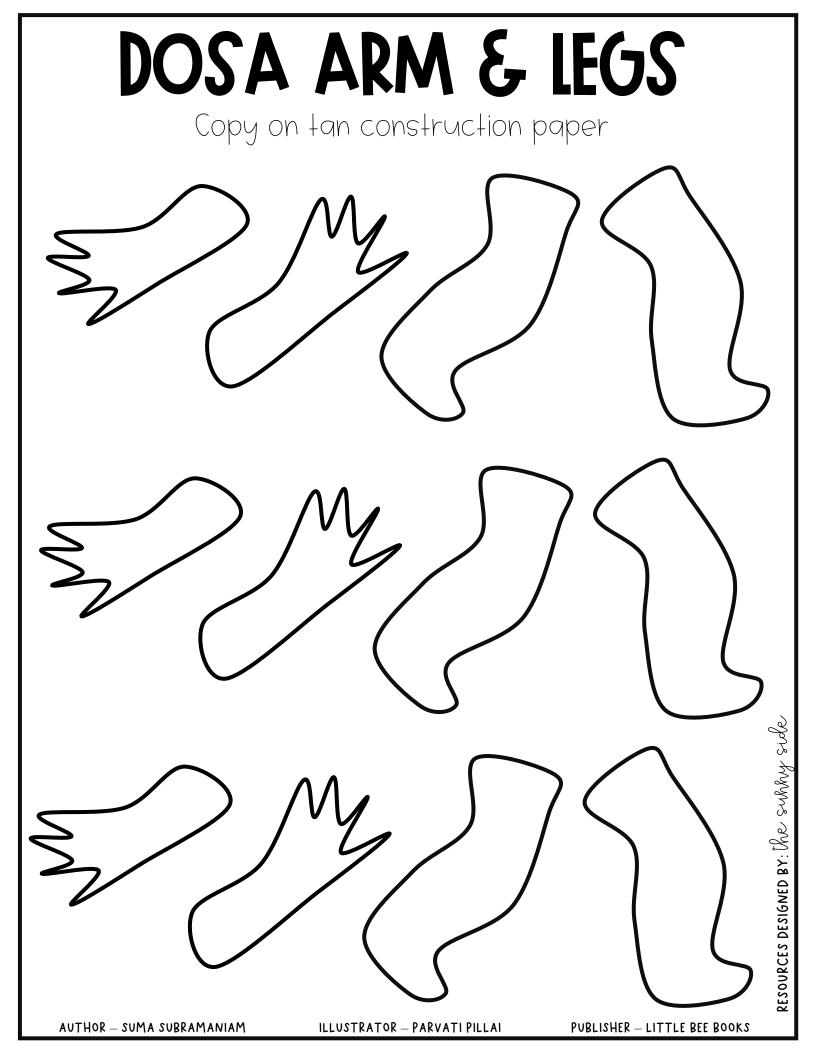
- 1. Copy the craft templates on coordinating construction paper or on white copy paper for students to color.
- 2. Copy the differentiated writing templates on black and white or in color.
- 3. Show students the picture samples.
- 4. Have students cut out the craft templates and set to the side.
- 5. Then, students will reflect on the writing prompt and write where they would hide if they were the runaway dosa on the lines.
- 6. Last, will use a glue stick to glue the final craft and writing prompt to a larger piece of construction paper

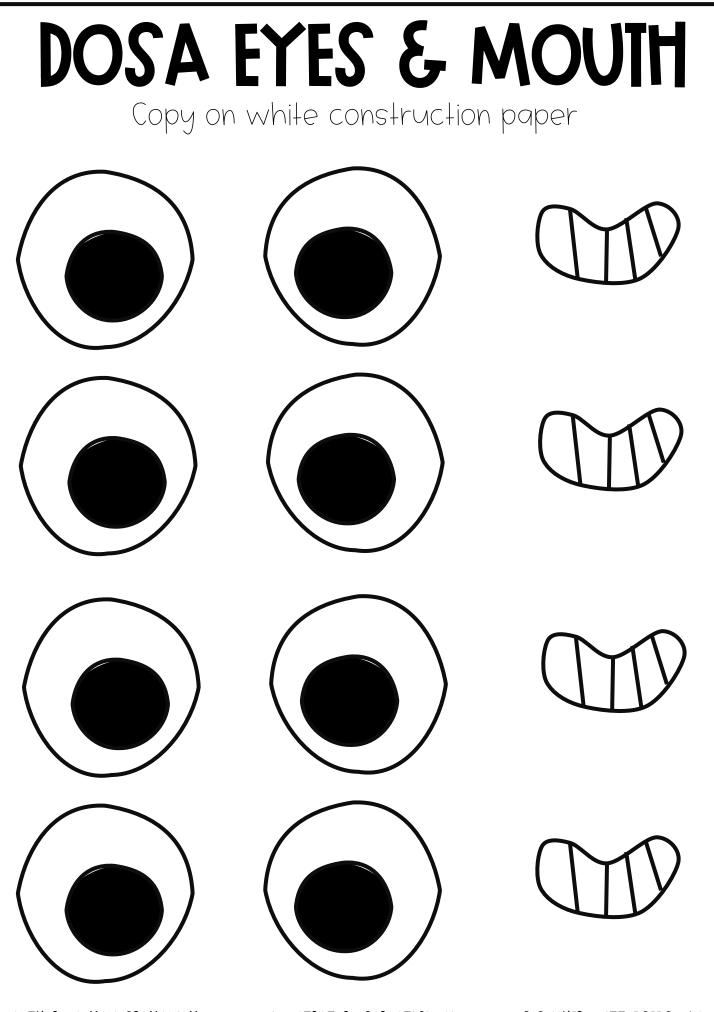




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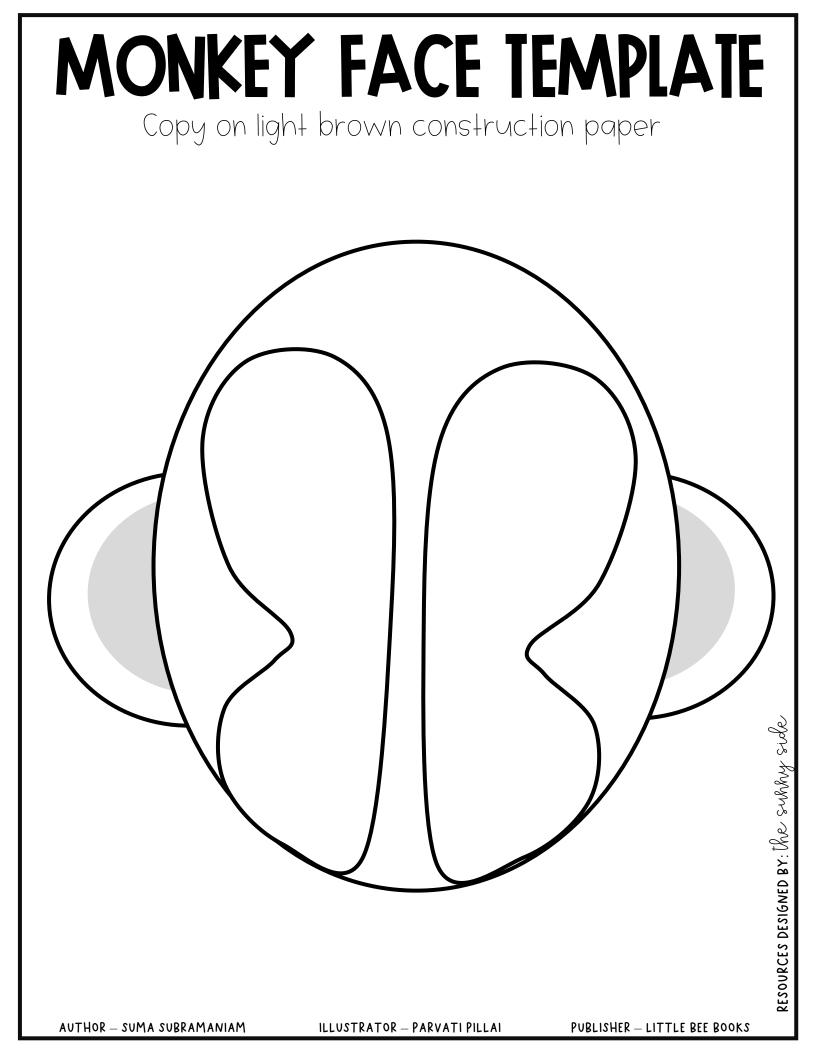


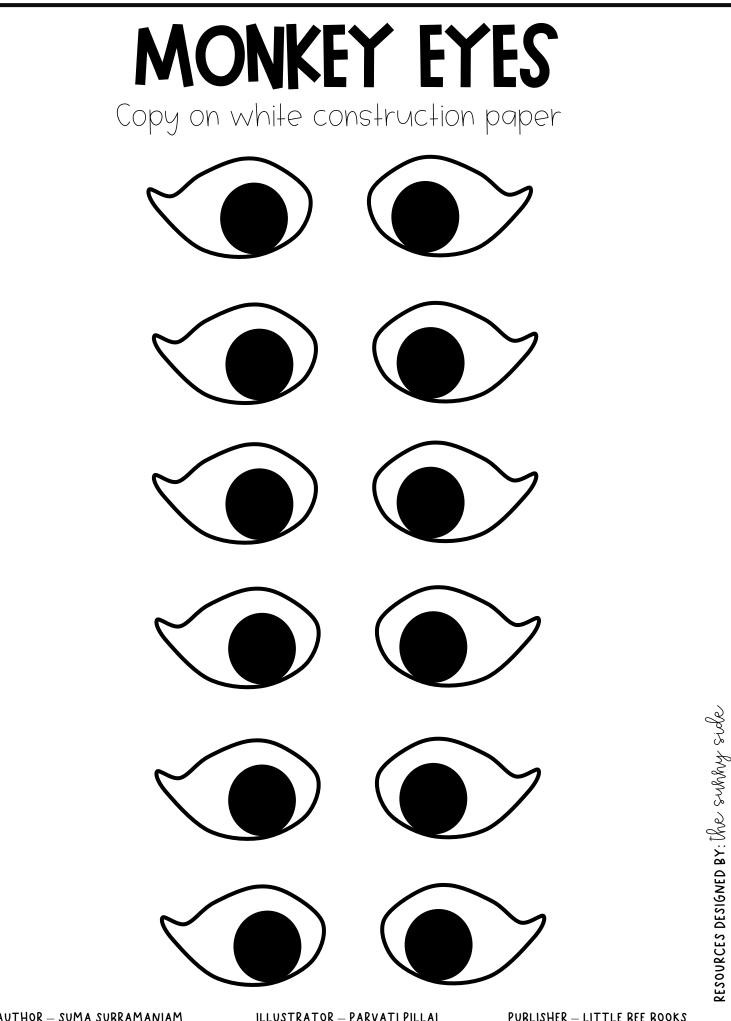


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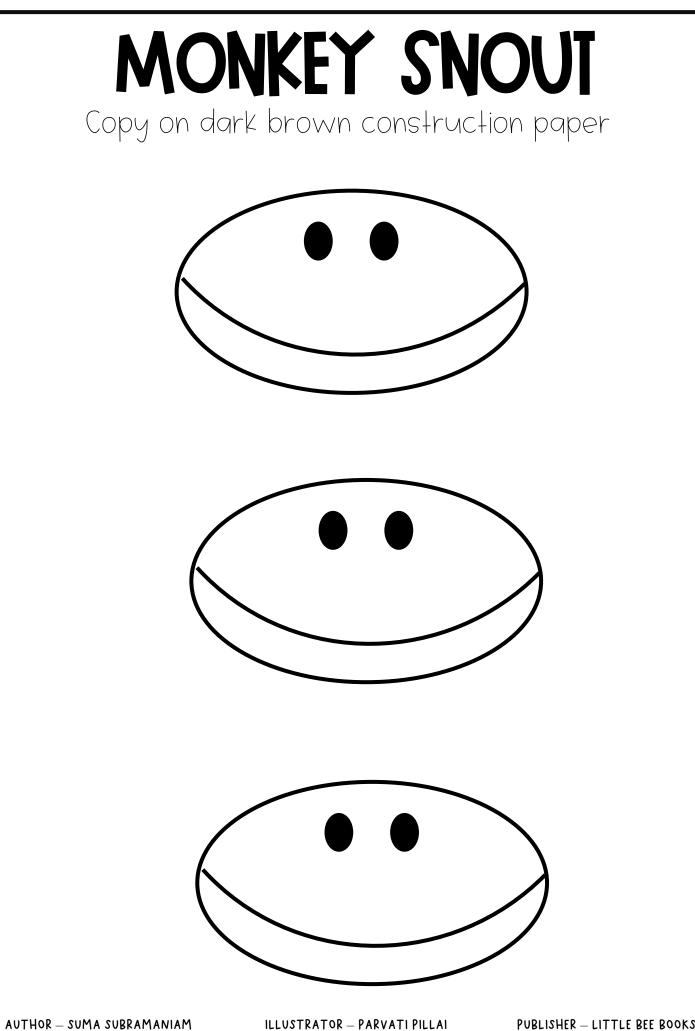
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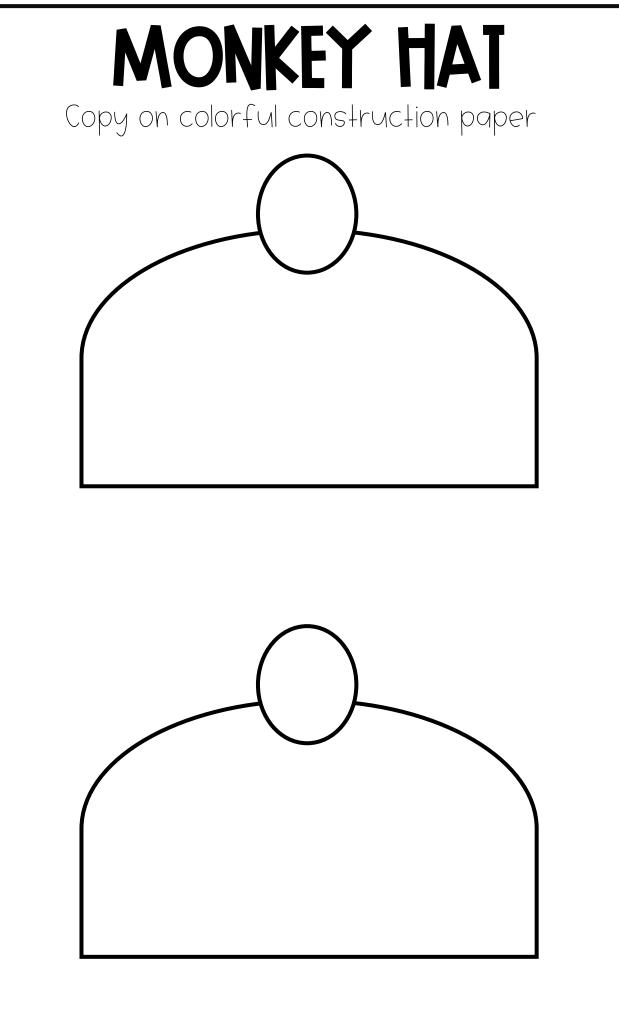




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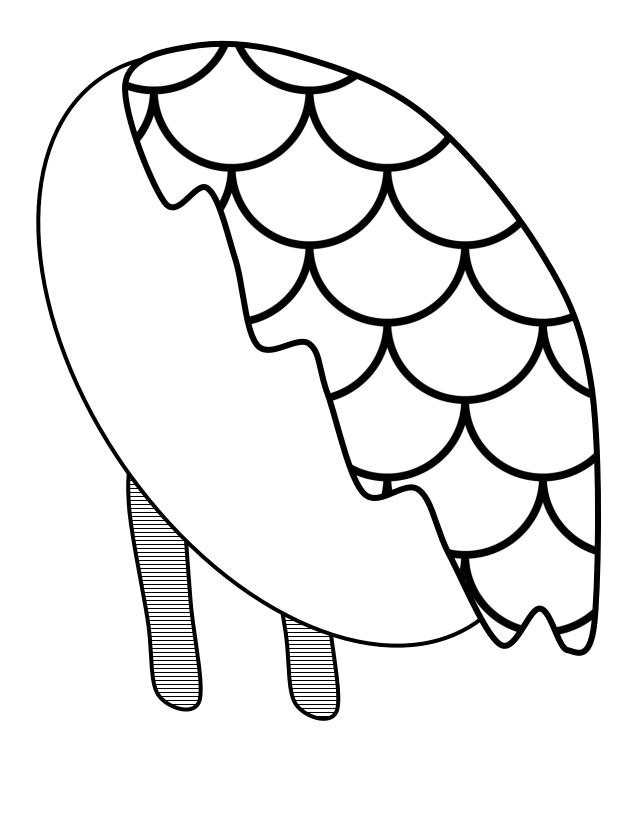


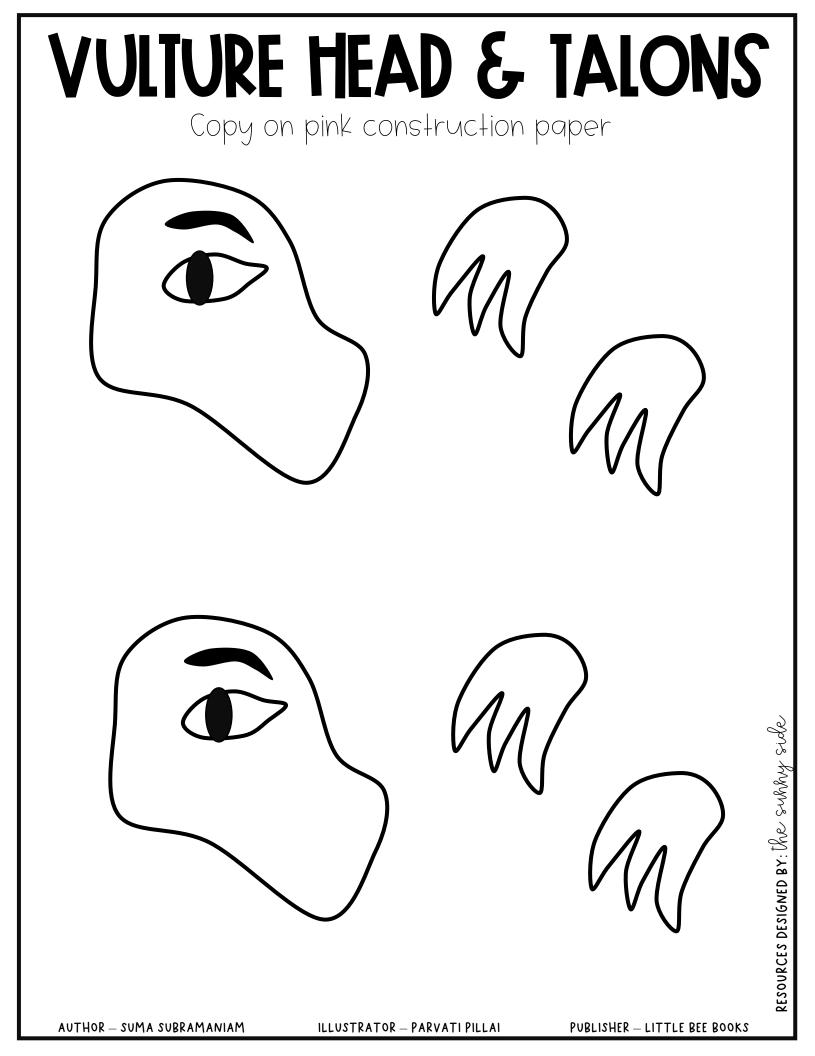
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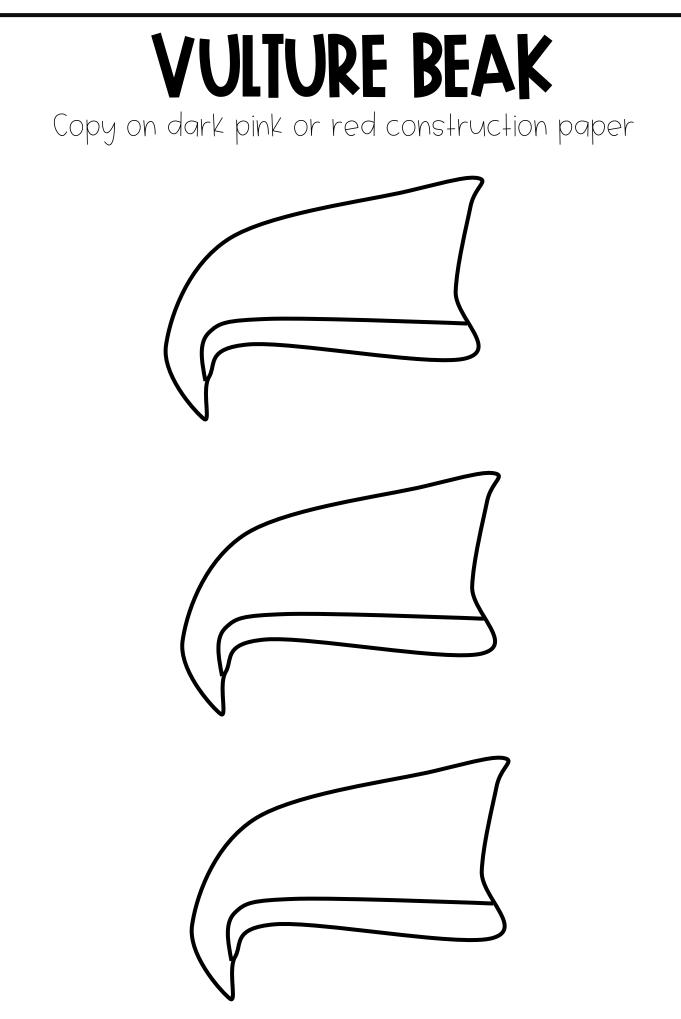


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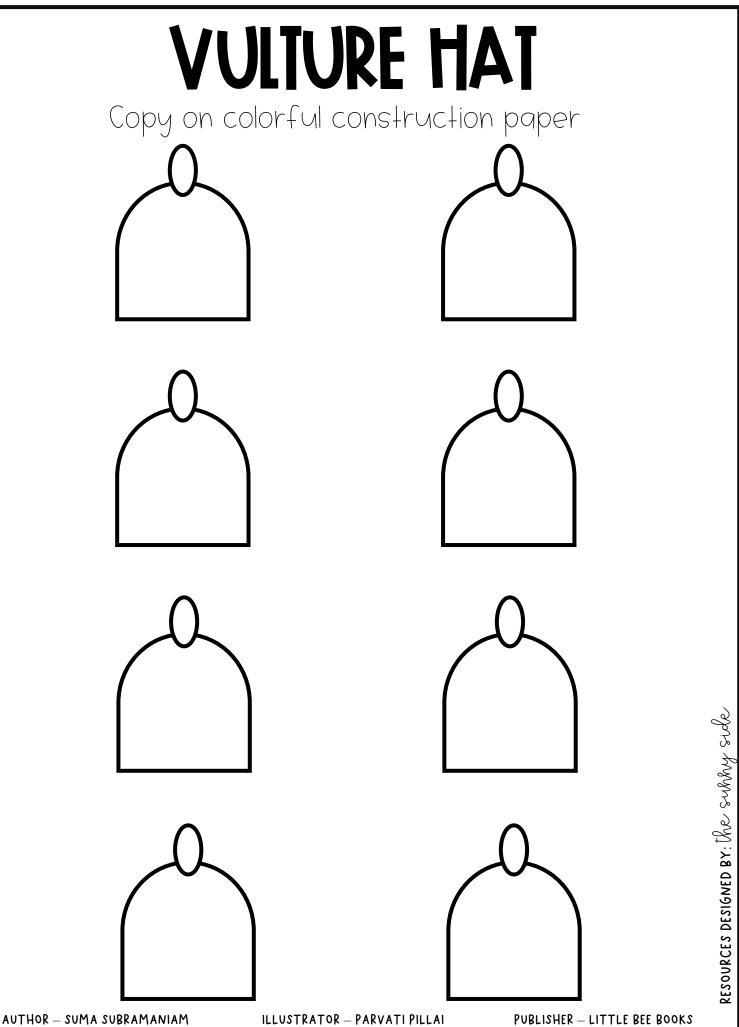
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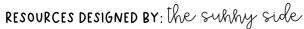


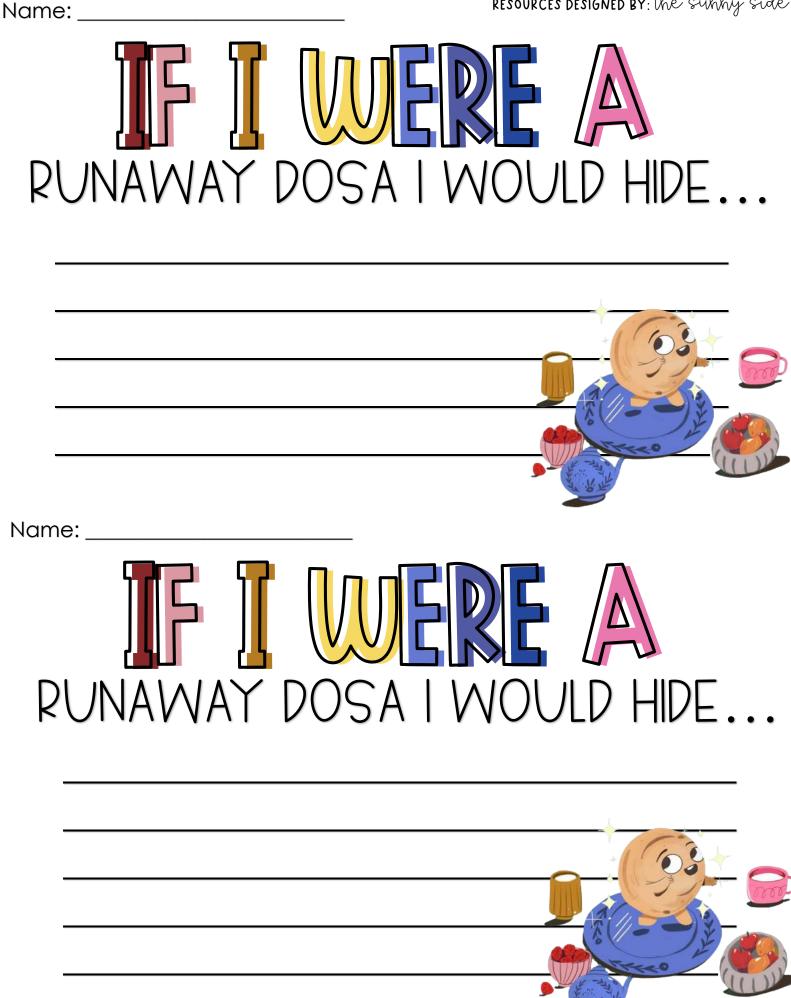




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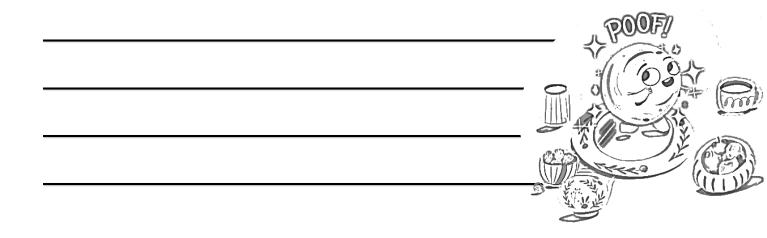






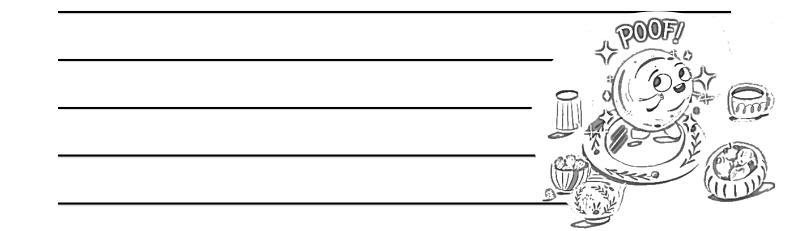
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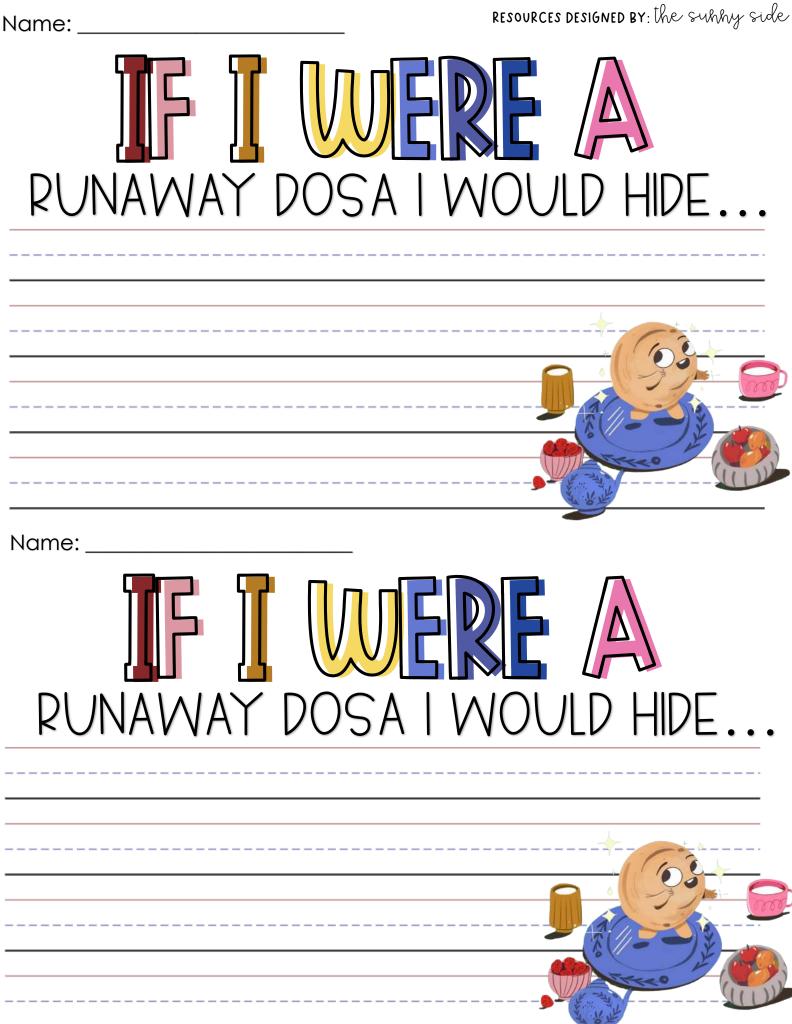




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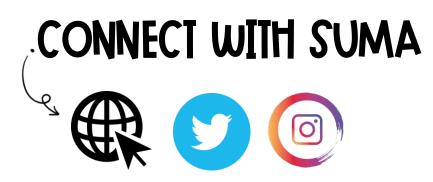
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