

SIX MINUTES PODCAST COMPLETE UNIT

**205
QUIZZES**



RESOURCE INCLUDES

1. 205 Quizzes
2. 205 Journal Prompts
3. Podcast Choice Board Task
4. Podcast Non-Fiction Article
 - Regular & Modified Versions
 - MP3 Audio Files
 - Comprehension Questions
5. Print & Digital Formats



2 Peas and a Dog

Middle School Teaching Resources

WHY TEACHERS LOVE THIS RESOURCE

- ✓ PDF, Google Forms™ & Google Slides™ Formats
- ✓ Minimal prep – ready to use
- ✓ Engaging, real-world content that grabs middle schoolers' attention
- ✓ Versatile for warm-ups, homework, listening stations, or ELA centers
- ✓ Supports listening comprehension, critical thinking, and writing

WHAT'S INSIDE?

EPISODE 1: SIX MINUTES BEGINS

Name: _____



1. What rule did Birdie break when trying to get a closer look at the whales?

- A. She threw popcorn into the tank.
- B. She climbed the rail to get a closer look.
- C. She went through an EMPLOYEES ONLY door.
- D. She followed all rules.

2. When rescuing Birdie from the water, what did the Anders family discover?

- A. The whale had a baby.
- B. Birdie was playing a practical joke.
- C. The family found another girl floating in the water.
- D. Cyrus did not know how to swim.

3. What is the relationship between the Anders family and the Holiday?

- A. They are her aunt and uncle.
- B. They are her teachers.
- C. They are her brother and sister-in-law.
- D. They tell her that they are her mother and father.

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Six Minutes - Episode 1: Six Minutes Begins

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*Required

First & Last Name *

Your answer

What rule did Birdie break when trying to get a closer look at the whales? * 1 point

- ☐ A. She threw popcorn into the tank.
- ☐ B. She climbed the rail to get a closer look.
- ☐ C. She went through an EMPLOYEES ONLY door.

PRINT & DIGITAL FORMATS

WHAT'S INSIDE?

EPISODE 1: SIX MINUTES BEGINS

Name: _____

Journal: Cyrus and Birdie are brother and sister. During episode 1, they have small arguments, but when Birdie falls into the ocean trying to get a closer look at the whales, Cyrus does all he can to save her.

Describe a time when a friend or family member helped you or you helped them.

**JOURNAL
PROMPT**

Each Episode Contains:

- Print & Digital Comprehension Questions
- Journal Prompts
- Answer Key

WHAT'S INSIDE?

SAMPLE ANSWERS

What is a podcast?

Podcasts are a widespread form of audio entertainment for anyone to listen to for free.

How do podcasts offset their production costs?

Most podcasts sell advertising space on their podcasts to offset the production costs.

Explain why podcasts have been called “radio on demand.”

- Some would describe a podcast as “radio on demand” because you do not need to tune into a broadcast to listen to it.
- Most podcasts can be downloaded to any device, including a smartphone or cell phone.
- Most often, a podcast can be described as an audio show that you can listen to on your own time.

On what websites or apps do people listen to podcasts?

Apple Podcasts, Spotify and Stitcher.

What is a serialized podcast?

New episodes come out every week.

EPISODE 2: ANSWER KEY

1. Who rescued Holiday from the whale tank?

- A. **Cyrus**
- B. Birdie
- C. Mom
- D. A worker

2. Holiday has a surprise visitor to her hospital window. On what floor of the hospital was Holiday's room?

- A. 1
- B. 3
- C. **5**
- D. 7

3. Holiday was diagnosed with amnesia after her near-drowning. Without changing the meaning of the sentence, which word can replace the word amnesia?

- A. Memory
- B. **Loss**
- C. Regret
- D. Aching pains

ANSWER KEYS

PERFECT FOR

- Middle School ELA (Grades 6–8)
- Listening Comprehension Practice Activities
- Daily Bell Ringers or Warm-ups
- Homework
- Sub Plans
- Independent Work
- Fast-Finisher Activities
- Podcast-Themed ELA Units

WHAT'S INSIDE?

PODCASTS



Podcast Recording Set Up

What is a Podcast?

Podcasts are a form of free audio entertainment.

Many of these podcasts sell advertisements on their show to help pay for the costs of running the show.

Podcasts have been called "radio on demand" because you do not need to listen to the radio at a certain time to hear the show.

Most podcasts can be downloaded on any media player, including your cell phone.

A podcast is made up of episodes, ranging from 10 minutes to 2 hours each.

Each podcast episode is usually about a specific topic.

Podcasts bring on guests to help add interest to the show and to speak about topics of interest to their listeners.



Woman Listening to a Podcast

Sometimes, podcasts seem like a TV show because each weekly episode builds on the previous work.

Together the whole season tells a

PRE-LISTENING ACTIVITIES

ARTICLE QUESTIONS /10

Name: _____

Instructions: Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of lined paper.

Comprehension Questions:

1. What is a podcast?
2. How do podcasts offset their production costs?
3. Explain why podcasts have been called "radio on demand." (2 marks)
4. On what websites or apps do people listen to podcasts?
5. What is a serialized podcast?
6. Provide two examples of popular middle school podcasts.
7. What are three reasons podcasts have gained so much popularity?
8. Explain one of the reasons in detail about why podcasts have gained so much popularity. (2 marks)

WHAT'S INSIDE?

PODCAST ADVERTISEMENT



Create a 30 second audio advertisement for a product that could be a great sponsor for this podcast. Remember to identify your target audience of this podcast before you select your product.

About The Product: Describe this product – what is it? Why would it be useful to the target audience? Make a list of reasons why students should use the product.

Advertisement Brainstorm: Write down any ideas about what to sell in your advertisement.

PODCAST COVER ART



Create a new cover art for this podcast. Cover art is used to promote the podcast online and in podcast player apps.

PODCAST TITLE:

PODCAST ENDING PLANNING



Use this graphic organizer to plan out your new podcast ending.

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POST-LISTENING ACTIVITIES

WHAT'S INSIDE?

CHOICE BOARD ASSESSMENTS

Student Name: _____

Speaking Criteria	Mark
☐ Clear and loud voice	/10
☐ Presentation demonstrates extensive rehearsal and a cohesive flow	/10
☐ Presentation is creative	/5
Feedback	Total Points /25 Final Mark %

Media Criteria	Mark
☐ Graphics/movements relate to the podcast and are explained with details	/15
☐ Content is visually appealing and has a creative layout	/10
☐ Correct spelling and grammar	/5

Feedback

READING RESPONSE RUBRIC

Student Name: _____

Criteria: Chosen assignment reflects the podcast in a meaningful way and goes beyond basic comprehension

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Response does not connect to the podcast. The final product is too simple and provides vague connections to the chosen character.	Demonstrates a basic understanding of the podcast. The final product provides vague connections to the chosen character.	Demonstrates an understanding of the podcast. The final product provides responses with relevant support from the text. Designs carefully reflect the chosen character.	Demonstrates a thorough understanding of the podcast by offering insightful responses with detailed support from the podcast. Designs are detailed and reflect the chosen character.

POINTS & LEVELS RUBRICS

TEACHER FEEDBACK

“I have always had students love this podcast. Thank you for helping me to make this a more engaging and robust teaching time.”

– Tiffany F.

“My students love this podcast. We listen on a daily basis. The questions and assignments with this bundle make my life so much easier.” – Starleigh E.

“This podcast is perfect for grade 7 listeners. They love completing the ‘comprehension’ and ‘journal’ questions after. So quick, easy and relatable!” – Katrina C.

LESSON FORMATS



PDF

✓ Individual & Whole Unit



DIGITAL

✓ Google Slides

**RESOURCE CAN BE USED
IN-PERSON OR ONLINE**