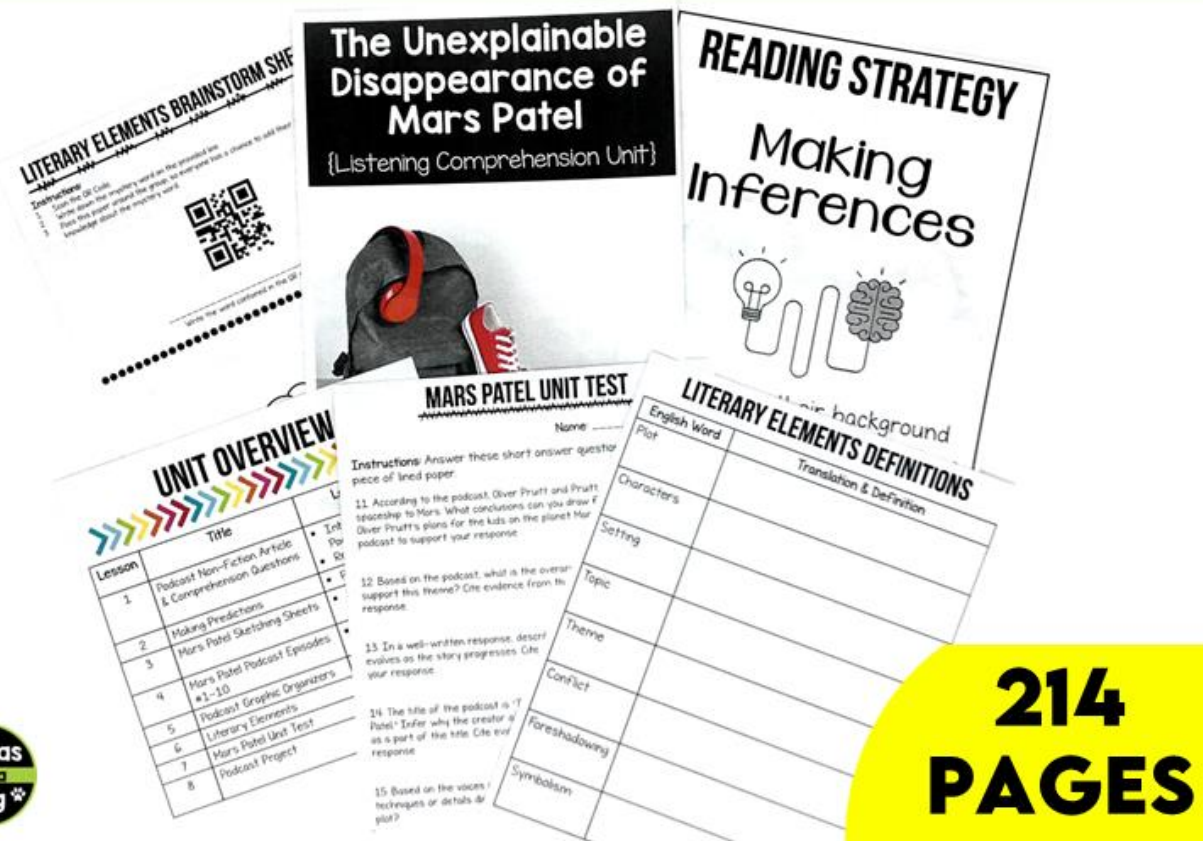


MARS PATEL PODCAST UNIT

PDF & DIGITAL FORMATS




2 Peas and a Dog
Middle School Teaching Resources

RESOURCE INCLUDES

- ✓ 200+ Pages of Resources
- ✓ Detailed Teacher Instructions
- ✓ Graphic Organizers
- ✓ Anchor Charts
- ✓ Comprehension Questions
- ✓ Answer Keys
- ✓ Self-Marking Google Forms
- ✓ Quizzes
- ✓ Assessment Options & Rubrics
- ✓ Print & Digital Formats

UNIT OUTLINE



- ✓ Lesson 1: Podcast Non-Fiction Article & Comprehension Questions
- ✓ Lesson 2: Making Predictions Graphic Organizers
- ✓ Lesson 3: Mars Patel Sketching Sheets Graphic Organizers
- ✓ Lesson 4: Mars Patel Podcast Episodes #1-10
Comprehension Questions
- ✓ Lesson 5: Podcast Reading Strategies Graphic Organizers
- ✓ Lesson 6: Literary Elements Lessons and Graphic Organizers
- ✓ Lesson 7: Mars Patel Unit Test
- ✓ Lesson 8: Create Your Own Podcast Project

WHAT'S INSIDE?



LESSON #2



Making Predictions

Lesson Overview:

Students will work on the reading strategy making predictions as they listen to each episode of the podcast.

Materials Needed:

- Photocopy a class set of the following or use the provided Google Slides version for the "Predictions" graphic organizer.

Teacher Instructions:

1. For predictions, I allow students to write in point form. You may want to consider this option.
2. Review predictions using the provided anchor chart poster.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
6. At the end of the graphic organizers, students are asked to make a reflection about their experience with this podcast.

ESL/IEP Accommodations:

- The Google Translate iPad app allows for real-time translation. Just hold the iPad over the text for it to translate on the screen.
- For IEP students, ask them to complete only a few predictions.

MARS PATEL TEACHER'S GUIDE

Season 1 Characters (in order of first appearance)

Oliver Pruitt – The narrator of the podcast. He revealed that he is an inventor at Pruitt Prep. He is also Mars' hero.

Mars Patel – The main character of the podcast. Strange things are happening around him.

Aurora Gershowitz – A friend of Mars. She starts the podcast. Mars and she are the only ones who know about the secret.

Jonas Hopkins – A friend of Mars. He runs out of the closet during the podcast.

Caddie Patchett – A friend of Mars and Jonas. Caddie gets headlocked by Mr. Q. She realizes that her friends are in people's thoughts from Pruitt Prep.

Mr. Q – A teacher at Pruitt Prep. He is in detention, where he frequently helps the students.

JP McGowan – A friend of Mars and Jonas. When they are near the power disappears.

Toothpick Lee – A friend of Mars and Jonas. When they are near the power disappears when they are near the power disappears.

Saira Patel – Mars' mother. She and her friends are missing, but it is a simulation.

Epica – A student at H.G. Wells. She is a friend of Mars.

MARS PATEL TEACHER'S GUIDE

Season 1 Episode Summaries

Episode 3: Gale Island

- Oliver Pruitt opens the episode with a message that Mars gets.
- The message that Aurora gets that Mars goes back to school to get while JP gets Toothpick.
- Mars gets caught by Mr. Q, who is helping them.
- Mars meets his friends in the school bus and rescues them.
- Toothpick realizes that "ad astra" is the same people are watching his car – and that these people are after him and them, but is very vague otherwise.
- Caddie realizes that "ad astra" is the same people are watching his car – and that these people are after him and them, but is very vague otherwise.

MARS PATEL TEACHER'S GUIDE

Season 1 Episode Summaries

Episode 8: Lost and Found

- Caddie, JP, and Toothpick go to Mars' apartment (and see Epica there, who is helping them), but see two people who have Pruitt Prep logos on their clothes, who then come after them. Mr. Q drives up in a school bus and rescues them.
- Mr. Q says that the same people are watching his car – and that these people are after him and them, but is very vague otherwise.
- Mr. Q gives them a ride to the ferry, where they take it to Gale Island. They find Mars, jump off the ferry, swim to the island, and find the secret.

SEASON 1 TEACHER GUIDE

- It turns out to be a simulation, and a safe place for them to talk without cameras on them.
- Jonas joins them. He was the one who took Mars.
- Mars and his friends make the decision to stay to do something about Oliver Pruitt and Pruitt Prep. They encounter tardigrades but Mr. Q makes it go away. They learn that Mr. Q is working with Oliver Pruitt. He locks everyone in a room.
- Toothpick uses the drone to contact Oliver Pruitt, who gives them a choice – leave Pruitt Prep and go back to their regular lives (leaving behind Jonas and Aurora), or stay.
- Mars calls his mom to tell her that he is staying at Pruitt Prep. He then makes a deal – Mars will stay only if his friends can leave.
- Mars realizes that Pruitt Prep is actually a spaceship and they are heading to Mars. Aurora gets on the speaker phone and pleads with Mars to help her, but Oliver Pruitt says that she's safe.

WHAT'S INSIDE?



PODCASTS



Podcast Recording Set Up

What is a podcast?
Podcasts are a widespread form of audio entertainment for anyone to listen to for free.

Most podcasts sell advertising space on their podcasts. Production costs can be high.

Some would describe podcasts as "radio on demand" because you do not need to tune in to listen.

Most podcasts are available on any media player, including your cell phone. Many podcasts are on Apple Podcasts and Stitcher.

Most often, a podcast can be described as an audio show that you can listen to on your own time.

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A podcast is made up of episodes, ranging from 10 minutes to 2 hours each. A podcast usually has 1 or 2 hosts who discuss a variety of subjects. The topics can be looked at broadly or in specific ways.

Each 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 listeners.

REGULAR ARTICLE

PODCASTS



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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 story. This is called a serialized story.

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PODCAST NON-FICTION ARTICLE

MODIFIED ARTICLE

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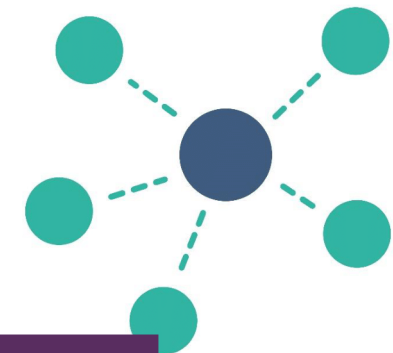
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READING STRATEGY

Making Connections



ANCHOR CHARTS

to create a deeper understanding of the story by making connections and connecting the story to previous experiences.

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MARS PATEL SEASON 1: EPISODE 1

Name: _____

Instructions: Circle the letter that best matches the question.

1. The title of the podcast is "The Unexpected." Which statement best expresses the subject of the podcast?

- A. Aurora and Jonas have disappeared.
- B. Aurora has disappeared and Mars has been helping his friends find her.
- C. Aurora has disappeared, but no one knows where she is.
- D. Mars is a troublemaker that creates problems for his friends.

2. How does Mars develop as a character throughout the podcast?

- A. The reader learns that Mars is a troublemaker.
- B. The reader learns that Mars is a troublemaker who is also a hero.
- C. The reader learns that Mars is a troublemaker who is also a friend.
- D. The reader learns that Mars is a troublemaker who is also a hero and a friend.

3. How does Mars feel about the disappearance of Aurora and Jonas?

- A. He is angry.
- B. He is sad.
- C. He is happy.
- D. He is confused.

4. What is the main theme of the podcast?

- A. Friendship.
- B. Family.
- C. School.
- D. Adventure.

5. How does Mars feel about the overall story of the podcast?

- A. Mars believes that the story is a hoax.
- B. Mars believes that the story is a hoax and that he is the only one who knows the truth.
- C. Mars believes that the story is a hoax and that he is the only one who knows the truth.
- D. Mars believes that the story is a hoax and that he is the only one who knows the truth.

MARS PATEL SEASON 1: EPISODE 5

Name: _____

Instructions: Circle the letter that best matches the question.

1. Based on the conversation between friends on the boat ride home, what inferences can be made about Mr. Q's involvement in the disappearance of Aurora and Jonas?

- A. Mr. Q is an innocent bystander who was only trying to help Mars and his friends.
- B. Mr. Q is an innocent bystander who was only trying to help Mars and his friends.
- C. Mr. Q is an innocent bystander who was only trying to help Mars and his friends.
- D. Mr. Q is an innocent bystander who was only trying to help Mars and his friends.

MARS PATEL SEASON 1: EPISODE 10

Name: _____

Instructions: Circle the letter that best matches the question.

1. According to the podcast, as the group is looking out over the beach, what does Mars do to his friends?

MULTIPLE CHOICE COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

PREDICTIONS

Prediction: Introduction

Listen to the introduction episode "Mars Patel First Listen." After listening, make a prediction what you think this podcast might be about.

Reflection: Episode #1

How did your prediction reflect what actually happened in the episode?

Prediction: Episode #2

What do you think will happen in episode 2?

Reflection: Episode #2

How did your prediction reflect what actually happened in the episode?

Prediction: Episode #3

What do you think will happen in episode 3?

Reflection: Episode #3

How did your prediction reflect what actually happened in the episode?

PODCAST PLANNING

Use this page to write down all of your ideas that you want to discuss in your podcast.

Research

GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS

WHAT'S INSIDE?



SAMPLE ANSWERS

What is a podcast?

Podcasts are a widespread form of audio content that anyone can listen to for free.

How do podcasts offset their costs?

Most podcasts are free to listen to, but some charge a fee for the premium content.

Explain the difference between a podcast and a radio show.

- Some podcasts are hosted on a website, while others are hosted on a podcasting platform.
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On what platform is the podcast hosted?

Apple Podcasts

What is the main topic of the podcast?

New episode

EPISODE 2 ANSWERS

1. Episode 2 begins with Mars in the backseat of a police car. Why is Mars in the backseat of a police car?
- A. Mars got lost on his way home from school.
 - B. Mars was looking for Aurora and Jonas and lost track of time.
 - C. Mars went into the school without permission and set off the alarm looking for Aurora and Jonas.
 - D. Mars went back to the school without permission to get his homework.

SHORT ANSWER RESPONSE QUESTIONS:

11. Sample Answer: Oliver Pruitt stated that the kids were being used to build a new world. The kids are needed for their imagination and bravery.
12. Sample Answer: The overarching theme is heroism. Mars is searching for his friends, Jonas and Aurora. No one believes Mars about their disappearance, but Mars looks for them anyway. He takes on dangerous missions to search for them. His heroism is shown at the end of season one when he sacrifices himself to save JP, Toothpick and Caddie.
13. Sample Answer: Oliver Pruitt is concerned about the disappearance of Aurora. During the episode, Oliver Pruitt and the Prep are involved in a mission to find Aurora. Oliver Pruitt wants to save Aurora because he has stopped her from disappearing. Oliver Pruitt wants to save Aurora because he has stopped her from disappearing.
14. Sample Answer: The meaning of the word disappearance means is "something missing". Mars goes missing during the school dance. He also remains missing as he searches for the missing kids and discovers Oliver Pruitt's plan for the kids.
15. Sample Answer: The creator uses sound effects and changes in characters' voices to develop each character. Oliver Pruitt's voice sounds scary, while Mars' voice sounds innocent.

These are sample answers. Your students and you might have different examples or opinions.

PODCAST RUBRIC

Student Name: _____

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Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Quiet voice.Podcast needs more content.Lack of interest.Minimal content.
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Feedback:

READING ASSESSMENT

Student Name: _____

Criteria	Mark
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Total Points	/50
Final Mark	%

Feedback:

ASSESSMENT OPTIONS

POINTS & LEVELS RUBRICS

LESSON 1 & 2



PODCASTS

What is a Podcast? Together the whole season tells

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THINKING QUESTION

Assessment	Below Expectations	Meets Expectations	Above Expectations
	✓-	✓	✓+

If you were to create a podcast what topic(s) would your podcast cover?

**PODCAST
NON-FICTION
READING**

PREDICTIONS

Prediction: Introduction
Listen to the introduction

READING STRATEGY

Making predictions



**MAKING
PREDICTIONS**

Readers make predictions based on previous events.

LESSON 3 & 4



READING STRATEGY

Visualize



MARS PATEL SKETCHING SHEETS

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Episode 1

Episode 2

Episode 3

**COMMON CORE
ALIGNED**

MARS PATEL SEASON 1: EPISODE 1

Name: _____

Instructions: Circle the letter that best matches the question.

1. The title of the podcast is "The Unexplainable Disappearance of Mars Patel." Which statement best expresses the subject of the story?
- A. Aurora and Jonas have disappeared and Mars is next.
 - B. Aurora has disappeared and Mars has a crush on her.
 - C. Aurora has disappeared, but no one is listening to Mars' about her being missing.
 - D. Mars is a troublemaker that creates stories about his friends for attention.

MARS PATEL SEASON 1: EPISODE 1

Name: _____

Instructions: Circle the letter that best matches the question.

1. Who is not in Mars' friend group?
- A. Caddie is not in Mars' friend group.
 - B. JP is not in Mars' friend group.
 - C. Epica is not in Mars' friend group.
 - D. Toothpick is not in Mars' friend group.
2. How long has it been since Aurora has disappeared, according to Mars?
- A. It's been a while.
 - B. It's been a long time.
 - C. It's been a short time.
 - D. It's been a very long time.
3. Where do Mars and his friends live?
- A. Mars and his friends live in a house.
 - B. Mars and his friends live in an apartment.
 - C. Mars and his friends live in a school.
 - D. Mars and his friends live in a city.
4. What is Mars' plan after they find Jonas' empty locker?
- A. Mars' plan is to break into his house to find him.
 - B. Mars' plan is to tell his mom so that maybe this time she'll listen.
 - C. Mars' plan is to report his disappearance to the school.
 - D. Mars' plan is to go and find him.
5. Why doesn't Mars want to leave Jonas' house after JP says they should go?
- A. Mars doesn't want to leave because "it's totally empty".
 - B. Mars doesn't want to leave because "he lived here".
 - C. Mars doesn't want to leave because "it used to be tricked out".
 - D. Mars doesn't want to leave because "people don't just disappear".

**NON-COMMON
CORE ALIGNED**

character over the course of the episode?
Mars because he is always in trouble.
a major character that is concerned about the
and no one is listening to him.
character equally. Mars is a minor character.
is a major character with no speaking parts.

sense in the episode?
the feeling that something bad is about to happen.
suspension that carries throughout the episode
keeps the reader wondering what is his real name.
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LESSON 5 & 6

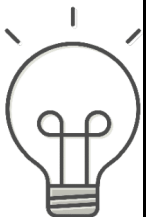


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LITERARY ELEMENTS

LITERARY ELEMENTS BRAINSTORM SHEET #1

- Instructions:
1. Scan the QR Code.
 2. Write down the mystery word on the dotted line.
 3. Pass this paper around the group, so everyone can add their knowledge about the mystery word.

LITERARY ELEMENTS LESSON

TECH & NO-TECH GROUP ACTIVITY



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LESSON 7 & 8



MARS PATEL UNIT TEST



Name: _____

Instructions: Circle the letter that best matches the question.

1. According to the podcast, how does Mars develop as a character over the course of the podcast?

- A. Mars is a minor character who is static, because he does not learn the truth behind the disappearance of the kids.
- B. Mars is a major character who is static, because he does not learn the truth behind the disappearance of the kids.
- C. Mars is a minor character who is dynamic, because he learns that Oliver Pruitt is involved in the disappearance of the kids worldwide.
- D. Mars is a major character who is dynamic, because he learns that Oliver Pruitt is involved in the disappearance of the kids worldwide.

E. Mars is involved in the disappearance of the kids worldwide.

2. Based on the podcast, how is Mars shaped by the disappearance of the kids?

- A. Mars is a minor character who is static, because he does not learn the truth behind the disappearance of the kids.
- B. Mars is a major character who is static, because he does not learn the truth behind the disappearance of the kids.
- C. Mars' sense of humor is refreshing and the others are glad that he is making light of the disappearance of Aurora and Jonas.
- D. Mars is arrogant and obnoxious, which causes the other characters to ignore him.
- E. Mars is an intelligent young man who knows how to make himself the centre of attention by lying about his friends.

3. According to Caddie, what is the meaning of the words AD ASTRA that Aurora left in her text message to Mars?

- A. Math is next.
- B. Boys rule.
- C. To the moon.
- D. To the stars.
- E. None of the above.

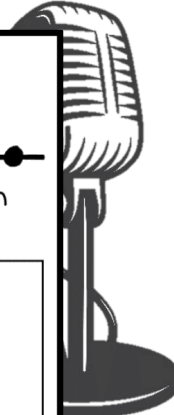
PODCAST OVERVIEW



PODCAST PLANNING

Use this page to write down all of your ideas that you want to discuss in your podcast.

Research



PODCAST PROJECT

from the podcast sponsor (think of a company that would be a good fit for your podcast).

For example, if you are a fan of a certain company, then a sponsor from that company would be a good fit. You can also choose a topic briefly. (just a few minutes)

three topics related to your overall subject. Be sure to give each topic a specific amount of discussion time.

Listeners for tuning in. (when the podcast will air again Friday, etc.)
podcast theme song again (just a few seconds).

TEACHER FEEDBACK



“My students couldn’t get enough of Mars Patel! The short quizzes for every episode were amazing and let me quickly see who understood what was happening.” – Andrea P.

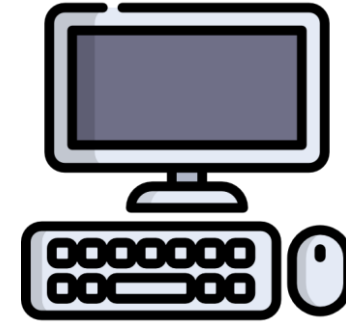
“This unit was excellent. I liked the quick comprehension quizzes. It gives you a quick assessment of comprehension. My students loved these! Thank you.” – Mary Ann F.

LESSON FORMATS



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✓ Individual & Whole Unit



DIGITAL

✓ Google Slides

RESOURCE CAN BE USED IN-PERSON OR ONLINE

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“I started using this as a listening activity for my advanced ESOL students. They loved it! Even my chattiest students were engaged and if they were chatting, it was about the story line. The comprehension questions are great and the other resources offer flexibility for every classroom. I would HIGHLY recommend this!” – Sabryna V.

