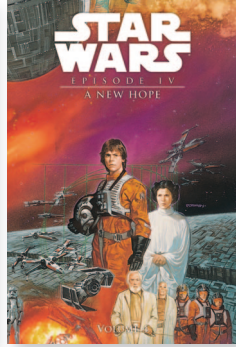
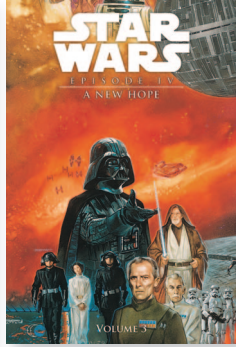
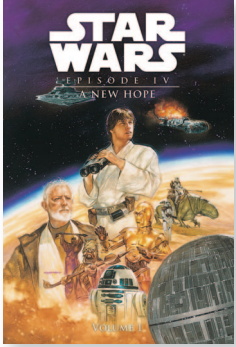


READING is a SUPERPOWER with Spotlight graphic novels & comic books!



STAR WARS: EPISODE IV A NEW HOPE

Comic book text is short, but that doesn't mean students don't learn a lot from it! Comic books and graphic novels can be used to teach reading processes and writing techniques, such as pacing, as well as expand vocabulary. Use this PDF to help students get more out of their comic book reading.

Here are some of the projects you can give to your students to make comics educational and enjoyable!

CHARACTER RESEARCH

- Character Graph – Use the handout provided on page 2 to research information about a character from the books. Pages 3-4 provide teachers with the answer key.
- Trivia Questions – Use the handout provided on page 5 to have students work independently, with a partner, or in a small group to research the trivia questions. Page 6 provides teachers with the answer key.

CREATIVE WRITING PROJECTS

- Create an Alien Species – Use the handout from page 7 to provide students the questions to answer in order to create the background information on their own alien species.
- Create a Graphic Novel – Use the handout from page 8 to form small groups and ask the groups to create their own graphic novels over the course of a week.

GLOSSARY WORDS

- A teacher reference list of all 5th and 6th grade level words found in the books with definitions is provided on pages 9-14. Please use as you like.
- Vocabulary Matching – Use the handout on page 15 as a game for students to match words to definitions. Answer sheet is on page 16.
- Vocabulary Words – Use the sheet on page 17 to have students research and become comfortable using a dictionary to find the definitions of words. An answer sheet is on page 18.

STAR WARS TERMINOLOGY

- Do you feel lost when your students talk about *Star Wars*? Use the *Star Wars* specific terminology list on page 19-20 to stay in the loop! This list of vocab words include the names, places, and technology included in this set of *Star Wars* books. A full list of all *Star Wars* terms is also available in a separate Teacher's Guide for you to download.

CHARACTER RESEARCH

Star Wars

Directions: Choose one of the characters below and use the Internet to find the information and fill out the character graph.

**Side He/She
Fights For:**

Luke Skywalker
Leia Organa
Han Solo
Yoda
Darth Vader
R2-D2
C-3PO
Chewbacca
Emperor Palpatine

Appearance:

CHARACTER NAME:

Allies:

Enemies:

Write any other interesting information about the character:

CHARACTER RESEARCH-CHARACTER GRAPH ANSWERS

Star Wars

CHARACTER NAME: *Luke Skywalker*

SIDE HE/SHE FIGHTS FOR: *Rebel Alliance and Jedi Knights on the side of the New Republic*

APPEARANCE: *Human Jedi, wears Jedi robes*

ALLIES: *Yoda, Princess Leia Organa, Han Solo*

ENEMIES: *Darth Vader and Emperor Palpatine*

WRITE ANY OTHER INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHARACTER. *Answers will vary.*

CHARACTER NAME: *Leia Organa*

SIDE HE/SHE FIGHTS FOR: *Rebel Alliance and Jedi Knights on the side of the New Republic*

APPEARANCE: *Human*

ALLIES: *Luke Skywalker and Han Solo*

ENEMIES: *Darth Vader and Emperor Palpatine*

WRITE ANY OTHER INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHARACTER. *Answers will vary.*

CHARACTER NAME: *Han Solo*

SIDE HE/SHE FIGHTS FOR: *Rebel Alliance and New Republic*

APPEARANCE: *Human*

ALLIES: *Chewbacca and Luke Skywalker*

ENEMIES: *Darth Vader and Emperor Palpatine*

WRITE ANY OTHER INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHARACTER. *Answers will vary.*

CHARACTER NAME: *Yoda*

SIDE HE/SHE FIGHTS FOR: *Previously fought with the Jedi Knights on the side of the Galactic Republic.*

APPEARANCE: *Yoda's species is not named, they are small humanoids with sharp, elfin ears, ridges on their foreheads, and three-fingered hands. Their leathery skin and blood is green.*

ALLIES: *Obi-Wan Kenobi and Mace Windu*

ENEMIES: *Darth Vader and Emperor Palpatine*

WRITE ANY OTHER INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHARACTER. *Answers will vary.*

CHARACTER NAME: *Darth Vader*

SIDE HE/SHE FIGHTS FOR: *Galactic Empire*

APPEARANCE: *Prosthetic arms and legs and a mobile life-support system all in black. He has a black helmet and cape as well.*

ALLIES: *Darth Sidious and Emperor Palpatine*

ENEMIES: *Yoda and the Jedi Order*

WRITE ANY OTHER INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHARACTER. *Answers will vary, but may include: As a human Jedi named Anakin Skywalker, Darth Vader married Princess Amidala and was the father of twins Luke and Leia, who were sent to foster parents for protection. After Amidala died, Skywalker was brought to the dark side by Darth Sidious and became Darth Vader.*

CHARACTER NAME: *R2-D2 sometimes spelled Artoo-Detoo*
SIDE HE/SHE FIGHTS FOR: *Rebel Alliance and New Republic*
APPEARANCE: *R2-series astromech droid*
ALLIES: *Leia Organa, C-3PO, and Luke Skywalker*
ENEMIES: *Darth Vader and Emperor Palpatine*

WRITE ANY OTHER INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHARACTER. *Answers will vary, but may include: R2-D2's equipment includes a buzz saw, an electric pike, drink trays, a fusion welder, thruster jets, and a hologram recorder/transmitter.*

CHARACTER NAME: *C-3PO sometimes spelled See-Threepio*
SIDE HE/SHE FIGHTS FOR: *New Republic*
APPEARANCE: *Humanoid protocol droid*
ALLIES: *Leia Organa, R2-D2, and Luke Skywalker*
ENEMIES: *Darth Vader and Emperor Palpatine*

WRITE ANY OTHER INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHARACTER. *Answers will vary, but may include: C-3PO was designed to interact with organics, programmed primarily for etiquette and protocol. He was fluent in over six million forms of communication.*

CHARACTER NAME: *Chewbacca*
SIDE HE/SHE FIGHTS FOR: *New Republic*
APPEARANCE: *Wookiee - tall, hairy humanoids with retractable claws.*
ALLIES: *Han Solo and Luke Skywalker*
ENEMIES: *Darth Vader and Emperor Palpatine*
WRITE ANY OTHER INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHARACTER. *Answers will vary.*

CHARACTER NAME: *Emperor Palpatine*
SIDE HE/SHE FIGHTS FOR: *Galactic Empire*
APPEARANCE: *Human*
ALLIES: *Grand Moff Tarkin and Darth Vader*
ENEMIES: *The Jedi Order*
WRITE ANY OTHER INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHARACTER. *Answers will vary.*

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

Star Wars

- 1. What was the name of R2-D2's sidekick?**
- 2. What was the code name for the Rebel base on planet Hoth?**
- 3. What creatures do the "Sand People" ride?**
- 4. Who was Luke Skywalker's father?**
- 5. What is the name of the spacecraft that Han Solo commands?**
- 6. What is mined on the planet Bespin?**
- 7. Where do Gungans live?**
- 8. Who is Han Solo's first mate?**

TRIVIA QUESTIONS-ANSWERS

Star Wars

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Echo Base

3. What creatures do the "Sand People" ride?

Banthas

4. Who was Luke Skywalker's father?

Anakin Skywalker who became Darth Vader

5. What is the name of the spacecraft that Han Solo commands?

Millennium Falcon

6. What is mined on the planet Bespin?

Tibanna Gas

7. Where do Gungans live?

In underwater cities on Naboo

8. Who is Han Solo's first mate?

Chewbacca

Create an Alien Species

You can create an alien species fit for *Star Wars*.

On a separate sheet of paper, answer the following questions:

WHO ARE YOU?

What's your species's name? Describe & draw your planet. Describe & draw vehicles your hero uses, if any.

WHAT ARE YOU?

What kind of alien are you? Do you have special features, abilities, or language?

WHO ELSE IS THERE?

List the names of your archenemies, friends & allies, and the loved ones in your character's life.

HOW DID YOU START?

How did your alien species get started? Describe your origins, your planet, your hero's motivation, and other parts of your hero's story.

Create a GRAPHIC NOVEL

It takes many people to create a graphic novel. Writers and artists bring their talents together to create an illustrated story. You can work with your classmates to create a graphic novel.

Here's what you need:

- 1. WRITERS** - choose an author or two to write the story. Authors will work with the pencillers to decide narration, dialog, panel divisions, pacing, and descriptions of the art.
- 2. PENCILLERS** - choose artists to draw the panels in pencil. Pencillers will work with the authors to draw exactly what they envision. Pencillers will also work with letterers to provide enough space for the text and sound effects.
- 3. INKERS** - choose artists with a steady hand to outline the panels and important art in them. Inkers will work with the pencillers to decide what needs bold outlines.
- 4. COLORISTS** - choose detail-oriented people to color the inked panels. Colorists have to keep colors consistent throughout the panels. Colorists will work with writers and pencillers to get the correct colors in the panels.
- 5. LETTERERS** - choose someone to insert the narration and dialog into the panels. Letterers work with pencillers to make sure there is enough room for the text. Letterers also work with the writers to make sure the text is in the correct place.
- 6. PRODUCTION MANAGER** - one person will need to oversee the entire project. He or she will coordinate the different team members and make sure they are able to talk to each other. The production manager will also create a schedule and make sure each team member follows it to complete the novel.

Glossary Words

Episode IV A New Hope - Vol. 1 – 61 terms

accelerator - a tool that controls the speed of something, such as a gas pedal of a car.

accurate - careful and exact.

agent - a person who represents another person or government.

binary - the language used by computers and machines.

calculations - the process of planning by careful thought.

cargo - goods carried by a ship, truck, train, or other vehicle.

charter - to hire a vehicle such as a ship or bus, for the use of a person or group.

civilized - being in an advanced stage of social development.

coordinates - any set of numbers used to locate a point on a line or a surface.

custodian - someone who has been trusted to care for and keep something safe.

deactivate - to turn off or shut down.

deflector - something that causes an object to move from its original path.

demonstrate - to show or explain, especially by using examples.

desolate - not lived in or visited.

detachment - a small military unit formed or sent for a special purpose.

devotion - faithful; strong feelings towards.

diplomatic - practicing negotiations.

distress - a condition of danger or of needing help.

elegant - of a high quality; beautiful.

entanglements - being stopped or trapped by something.

excel - to do or perform better than others.

faulty - broken; not working properly.

foreboding - marked by or causing a feeling that something bad will happen.

fortress - a stronghold.

galactic - relating to a galaxy, which is one of the very large groups of stars that make up the universe.

galaxy - one of the very large groups of stars that make up the universe.

generations - the period of time between the birth of parents and the birth of their children.

gibberish - talk or writing that is not understood.

guardian - someone who takes care of another person or another person's property.

homestead - a house and the surrounding land.

hyperspace - a separate dimension of space that allows ships to move faster than light.

imperial - of or relating to an empire.

influence - power or ability to produce an effect on others.

insignificant - not important.

interpreter - a person who can explain something or what somebody is saying.

jettison - to get rid of.

malfunction - to fail to operate properly.

mission - an assigned task or job.

obtain - to get.

operational - in working order.

precise - exact.

probe - a device used to pass information, especially from outer space.

pursue - to chase or seek.

rebel - one who fights against those in control or refuses to obey their rules.

rebellion - the act of fighting against those in control or refusing to obey their rules.

regret - to be very sorry.

resident - one who lives in a particular place for an extended period.

resistance - the act of fighting against or opposing.

GLOSSARY WORDS: Episode IV A New Hope - Vol. 1 - 61 terms
Continued...

restore - to bring back.

seduced - swayed or convinced to do or follow something.

short-circuited - to have broken an electrical circuit, which causes a device to stop working properly.

sinister - evil or unfavorable.

smuggled - took things in or out of a country illegally or in secret.

sorcerer - one who is believed to have special powers.

technological - resulting from scientific advancement; made from the latest technology.

translator - a person or thing that can change written or spoken words into another language.

transmissions - things sent or passed along, such as messages.

ultimate - most important.

villainy - being depraved or doing something bad.

wizard - one who practices magic or appears to have the ability.

wretched - evil.

Glossary Words

Episode IV A New Hope - Vol. 2 – 58 terms

alert - watching carefully; quick to notice and act.
alternative - one of the things that can be chosen.
apprehend - to arrest.
asteroid - a small chunk of rock that circles around the sun between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter.
auxiliary - a person or thing that helps or supports.
betray - to not be truthful or faithful to.
brace - to place tightly to support or hold something steady.
chute - a slide used to move things from one level down to another.
collision - the act of crashing together.
commence - to start.
compartments - separate rooms or areas used for a certain reason.
consciously - to do on purpose and be fully aware.
conversation - talk between people.
convoy - a group traveling together.
demonstrate - to show or explain, especially by using examples.
destiny - fate; that which must happen because of fate or luck.
destructive - causing much damage.
detention - of or used to hold people either as a punishment or until a trial can be held.
disturbance - something that interferes with or interrupts.
emerges - comes out; leaves.
estimate - to make a guess based on experience or observation.
extensive - very large in quality or size; complete or full.
freighter - a ship for moving goods.
galaxy - one of the very large groups of stars and planets that make up the universe.
generator - a machine that changes mechanical energy into electrical energy.
hokey - foolish; clearly made-up.
hyperspace - a separate dimension of space that allows ships to move faster than light.
ignition - an electrical device for starting a vehicle or object.
interpret - to understand or explain the meaning of.
leash - a length of leather or rope used to keep an animal under control.
magnetic - having the capability to attract or be attracted by a magnet.
maintenance - of or relating to the taking care of something.
meteor - a metal or chunk of stone that burns brightly as it quickly falls from space; also known as a shooting star.
mystical - mysterious or spiritual.
partially - part of; not completely.
plead - to make an emotional appeal.
primary - main, first, or most important.
pursuit - following to achieve a goal.
reactor - a device for the controlled letting out of energy.
rebel - one who fights against those in control or refuses to obey their rules.
rebellion - the act of fighting against those in control or refusing to obey their rules.
reluctant - unwilling or not wanting to do something.
remote - far away in place, time, or thought.
reverse - to go backwards or in the opposite direction.
ridiculous - silly; foolish.
scanning - examining systematically.
malfunction - to fail to operate properly.
smuggler - a person who takes things in or out of a country illegally or in secret.

GLOSSARY WORDS: Episode IV A New Hope - Vol. 2 - 58 terms
Continued...

smuggling - the act of taking things in or out of a country illegally or in secret.

squad - a small number of people working together.

terminals - computers used to enter, receive, and display data.

terminate - to end.

transfer - to move or carry from one person or place to another.

transmissions - things sent or passed along, such as messages.

transmitter - a machine that sends and receives electromagnetic waves.

transport - the act of carrying something from one place to another.

tremor - an unsteady effect or shaking.

trench - a long, deep, narrow pit.

worshipfulness - a highly respected title given to someone who deserves worship or glory.

Glossary Words

Episode IV A New Hope - Vol. 3 – 31 terms

accelerate - to speed up.
adjust - to bring to a better state.
analysis - the separating of something into parts to learn what it is.
analyze - to find out the meaning of something by breaking down its parts.
buffeted - battered or attacked.
complex - having many parts, details, ideas, or functions.
data - facts about something.
defenses - the means of resisting attack.
distress - a condition of danger or of needing help.
dueling - two people battling.
estimate - to make a guess based on experience or observation.
gargantuan - very large.
infiltrate - to enter without being seen or noticed.
maneuver - to make changes in direction and position for a specific purpose.
massive - very large; huge.
maximum - the largest possible amount or degree.
mercenary - one who will fight for any side for money.
metallic - containing or made of metal.
onslaught - a fierce attack.
orbiting - to be moving in a circle around something else.
penetrate - to pass through or enter.
precise - exact.
rebellion - the act of fighting against those in control or refusing to obey their rules.
recedes - to move away or back.
sacrificing - surrendering something for something or someone else.
skim - to fly lightly over.
smuggler - a person who takes things in or out of a country illegally or in secret.
suicide - the act of killing oneself on purpose.
technical - mechanical or industrial; containing detailed terms and data.
trench - a long, deep, narrow pit.
velocity - the quickness of motion.

Glossary Words

Episode IV A New Hope - Vol. 4 – 21 terms

- analyze** - to find out the meaning of something by breaking down its parts.
- axis** - a real or imaginary line through the center of an object, around which the object turns.
- deflection** - to block or turn away.
- deflector** - something that causes an object to move from its original path.
- evacuate** - to leave or be removed from a place, especially for protection.
- evade** - to slip away or escape.
- galaxy** - one of the very large groups of stars and planets that make up the universe.
- impacted** - two things crashed together.
- intend** - to have in mind for a certain purpose.
- interference** - obstructing something.
- maneuver** - to make changes in direction and position for a specific purpose.
- medallions** - medals awarded to people for doing a good job.
- mission** - an assigned task or job.
- negative** - a word used to express refusal; it means "no."
- overestimate** - to guess too high.
- recruit** - to find as new members for a group or activity.
- rendezvous** - a plan to meet at a certain place and time.
- squad** - a small number of people working together.
- stabilizer** - something that makes another thing stable, fixed, or firm.
- throttle** - a device that controls the speed of a vehicle, such as a plane, by controlling the flow of fuel and air in the engine.
- triumph** - victory or success.

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Star Wars: Episode IV A New Hope

Directions: Match the words to their definitions.

evade _____

1) to fly lightly over

resistance _____

2) to slip away or escape

jettison _____

3) a long, deep, narrow pit.

skim _____

4) a group traveling together

convoy _____

5) the act of fighting against or opposing

trench _____

6) to get rid of

Write a sentence using one of the words from above.

VOCABULARY MATCHING-ANSWERS
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A New Hope

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VOCABULARY WORDS

Star Wars: Episode IV A New Hope

Directions: Write the definitions to the vocabulary words below.

tremor

cargo

resident

deactivate

maneuver

VOCABULARY WORDS-ANSWERS

Star Wars

Star Wars: Episode IV A New Hope

tremor - an unsteady effect or shaking.

cargo - goods carried by a ship, truck, train, or other vehicle.

resident - one who lives in a particular place for an extended period.

deactivate - to turn off or shut down.

maneuver - to make changes in direction and position for a specific purpose.

Star Wars Terms

Episode IV A New Hope - 60 terms

Admiral - a high-ranking officer and commander of a group of soldiers or ships.

Alderaan - a planet with grasslands and mountains. It is home to Princess Leia Organa.

Alderaan System - a star system that has a sun and 5 planets (4 planets after the Death Star destroys Alderaan).

Anchorhead - a small outpost for moisture farms on Tatooine where farmers can get supplies.

battle station - a space station armed for battle.

Beggar's Canyon - a large canyon on the desert planet of Tatooine.

Bocce - a trade language that is a mix of different languages used to allow pilots and crews from different worlds to talk to each other.

Clone Wars - the war fought between the Galactic Republic clone army and the Confederacy of Independent Systems (also known as Separatists).

Comlink - a small device that allows two people to talk to each other from far away.

commander - a rank or title.

Corellian ships - the Galactic Empire had shipyards in the Corellia system where they built their largest ships.

Dantooine - a planet of grasslands, rivers, and lakes.

Death Star - a weapon that is a large space station built by the Galactic Empire. It can destroy entire planets.

Death Star Conference room - a room on the Death Star used for high-ranking officials to talk and plan.

deflector shield - a device that blocks weapons from hitting the object it is protecting.

desert wastelands - the barren land of a desert that is unable to support life.

droid - a robot.

Empire - the government established by Supreme Chancellor Palpatine to replace the Galactic Republic and bring Sith rule to the galaxy; also called the Galactic Empire.

energy field - the energy that is given off and surrounds an object.

Force - an energy field created by all living things. The Force is what gives a Jedi his power.

general - a high-level military rank.

governor - the head of government for a colony or area.

homing beacon - a device used to track ships and people by secretly reporting its position back to a base.

hyperspace - a separate dimension of space that allows ships to move at speeds faster than light.

Imperial - of or relating to the Empire.

Imperial cruiser - a ship belonging to the Galactic Empire.

Imperial fortress - a large, heavily defended and protected base controlled by the Empire.

Imperial network - the system of information and data connected by computers for the Empire.

Imperial Senate - a group of representatives from planets from all over the galaxy.

Imperial Storm Troopers - the soldiers of the Galactic Empire.

Jedi - a member of the Jedi Order who studies the Force.

Jedi Knight - the rank of Jedi in the Jedi Order before Jedi Master.

Jedi Master - the second highest rank of the Jedi Order. Grand Master is the highest rank.

Jundland Wastes - a dry, hot, and rocky area on the desert planet Tatooine.

Jundlund region - another name for the Jundland Wastes, a dry, hot, and rocky area on the desert planet of Tatooine.

lightsaber - a weapon of the Jedi that lets out a powerful beam of light.

Lord - a respectful term that was a title for nobility or high military rank.

magnetic field - a field around an object to hold the air and protect pilots from space and space storms.

Massassi outpost - the temple built by the native Massassi tribe the Rebel Alliance used as a base on Yavin 4.

Master - referring to Jedi Master, which is the second-highest rank a Jedi can obtain. A Jedi is a member of the Jedi Order who studies the Force.

STAR WARS TERMS: Episode IV A New Hope - 60 terms
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Millennium Falcon - the personal starship of Han Solo and Chewbacca, used to illegally ship goods or people.

moisture vaporator - a device used on dry planets such as Tatooine to harvest extra water in the air.

Mos Eisley - the largest and busiest town on Tatooine.

proton torpedo - a powerful weapon that carries a very powerful blast and has a far range. Proton torpedoes are carried on many different starships.

reactor system - a system that controlled the letting out of energy that powered a ship or building.

Rebel - a person fighting to free the galaxy from the rule of the Galactic Empire.

Regional Governors - also known as moffs, regional governors have command of their own areas.

Sand People - sand People or Tusken Raiders are a native people of Tatooine and live as clans in the desert.

scout ships - smaller ships used for searching or exploring.

sentry ships - ships that guarded an entrance and kept watch for danger.

snub fighters - small one-manned starships.

Star-pilot - a person who flies starships.

Starfleet - a group of starships.

Tatooine - a desert planet and home world to Luke Skywalker.

thermal-exhaust port - an opening used to remove heat from the energy core that supplies power to the ship or building.

Tie fighter - a small, one-man Imperial ship.

tractor beam - a device used to pull and guide ships to a safe landing or to capture smaller enemy ships.

turbolasers - a more powerful version of a blaster and laser canon.

Yavin - a giant gas planet that has 26 moons. The Rebel Alliance setup a base on one of the moons, Yavin 4.