THE BLACK MAMBAS BY KELLY CRULL

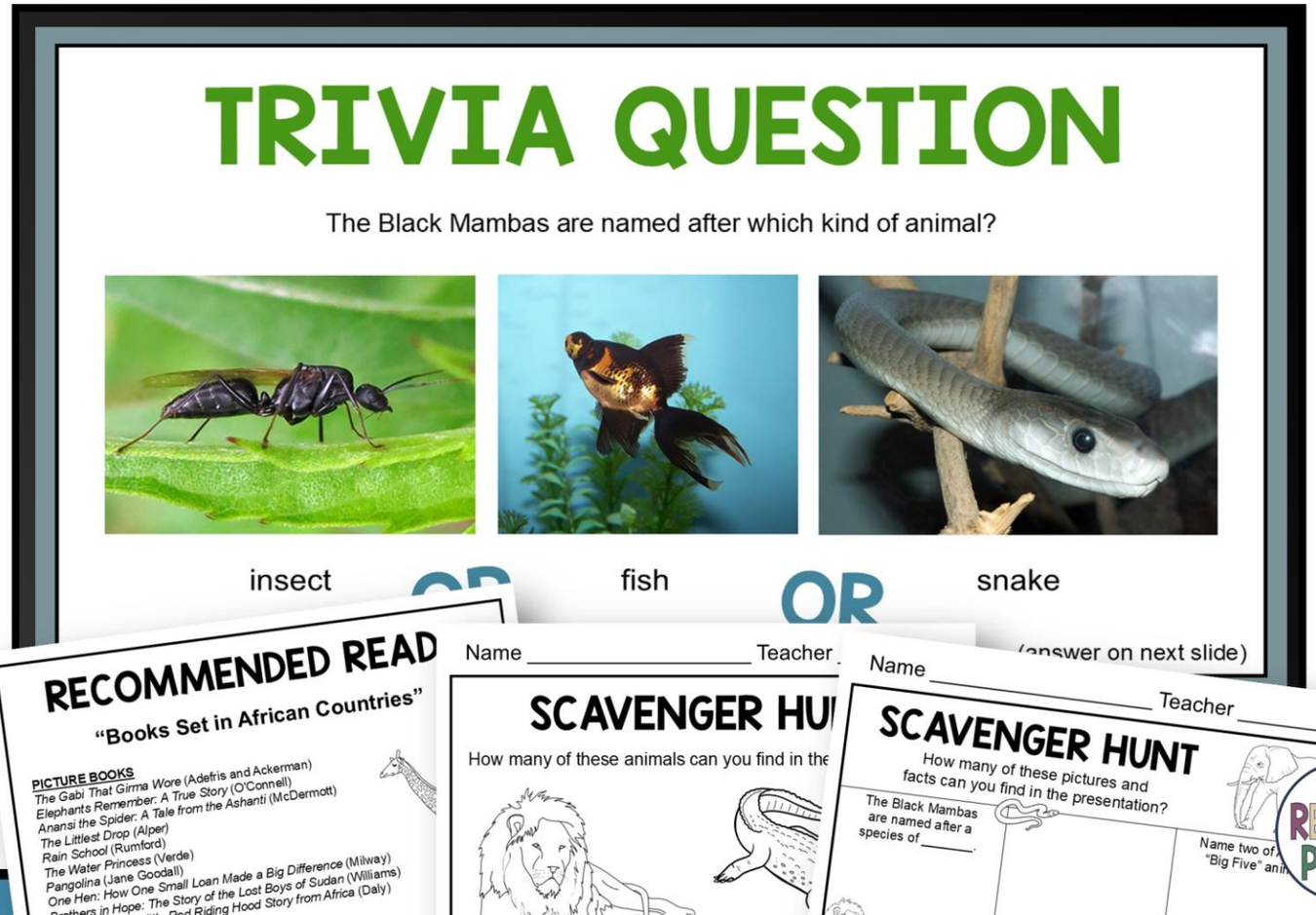
PICTURE BOOK LESSON

Guided picture book lesson

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Grades 2-5



THIS AFRICA-THEMED RESOURCE INCLUDES:



- 2-part presentation (whole-group lesson + scrolling slideshow)
- 2 scavenger hunt activities + answer key
- Printable Recommended Reads list
- Standards-aligned lesson plan (AASL, CCSS, and TEKS) + “I Can” Statements

PART I - WHOLE-GROUP LESSON

Since a read-aloud is required for this lesson, there are only a few whole-group discussion slides.

These slides introduce a read-aloud, *The Black Mambas: The World's First All-Woman Anti-Poaching Unit* by Kelly Crull (2025).

Information in Part I includes a short whole-group discussion about the author / photographer, poaching, and finding South Africa on a map.



PART II - SCROLLING SLIDES



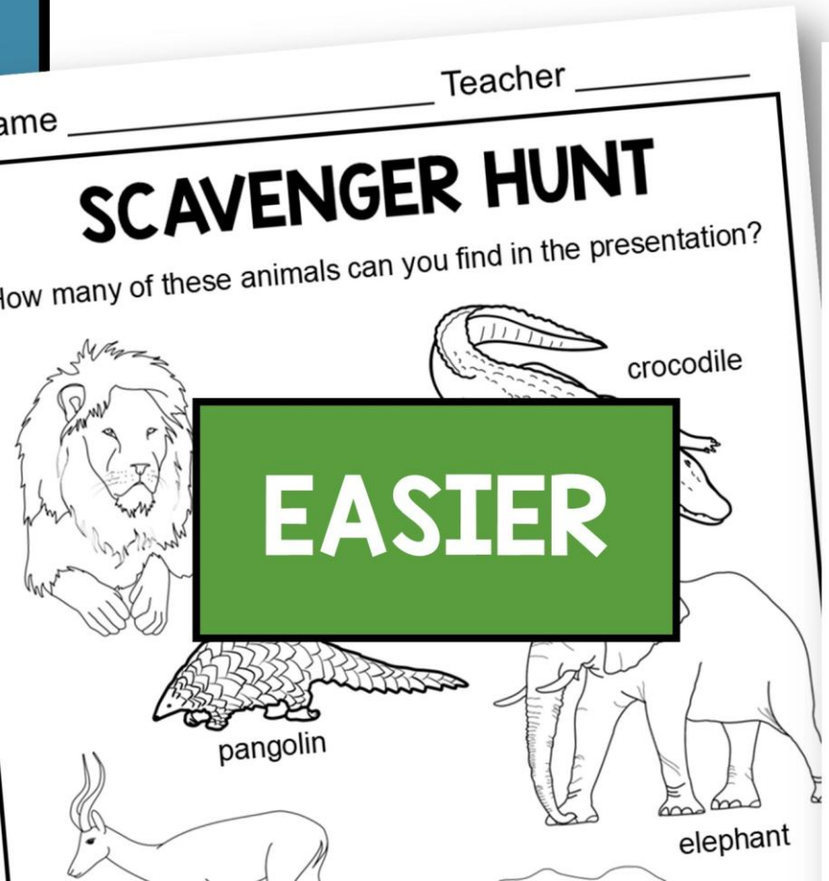
The slides in Part II need to be set on a timer (instructions with visuals included).

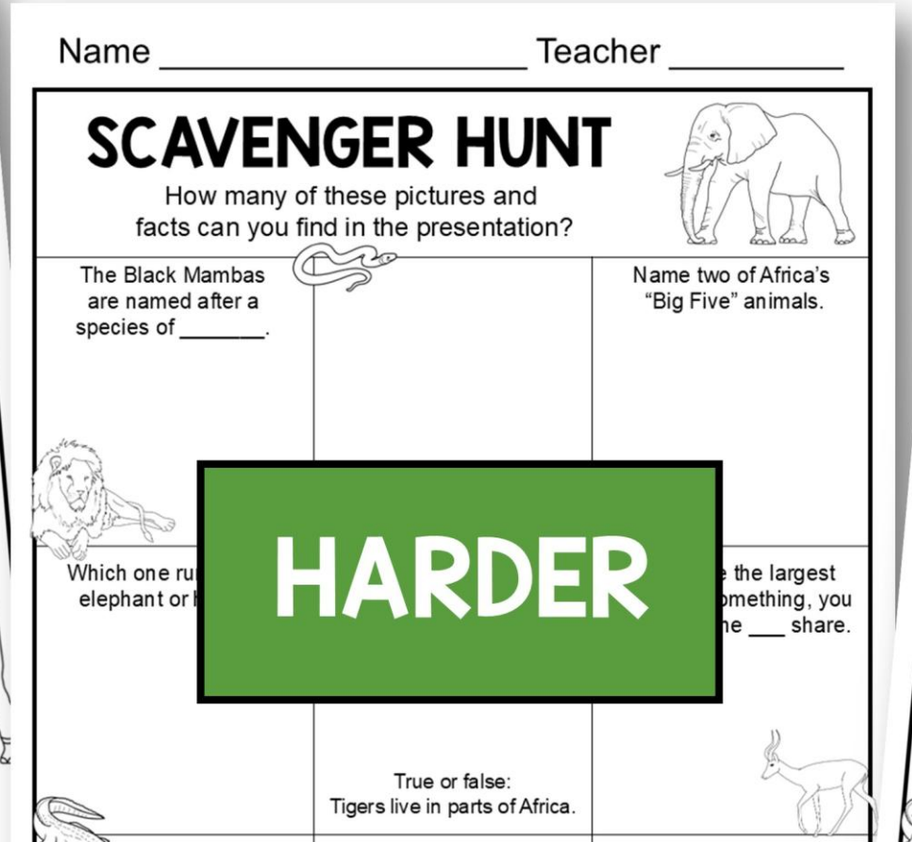
The scrolling slides include fun facts about African animals in the book, reasons for poaching, and why poaching is harmful.

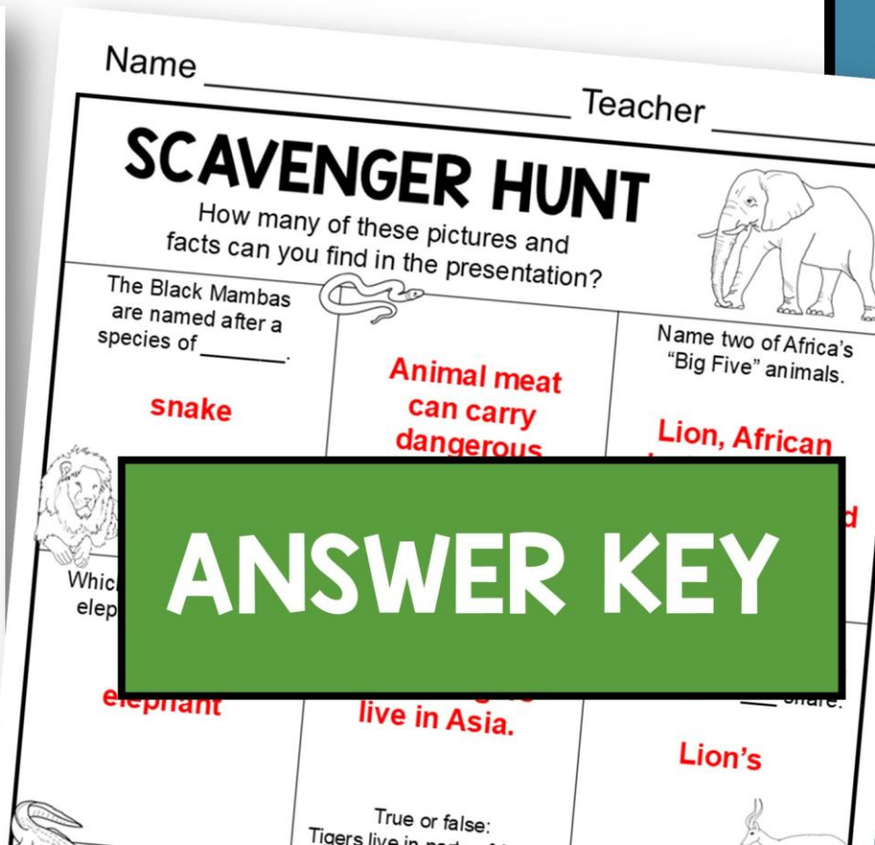
Students watch the slideshow to find the images and information included in the differentiated Scavenger Hunt activities.

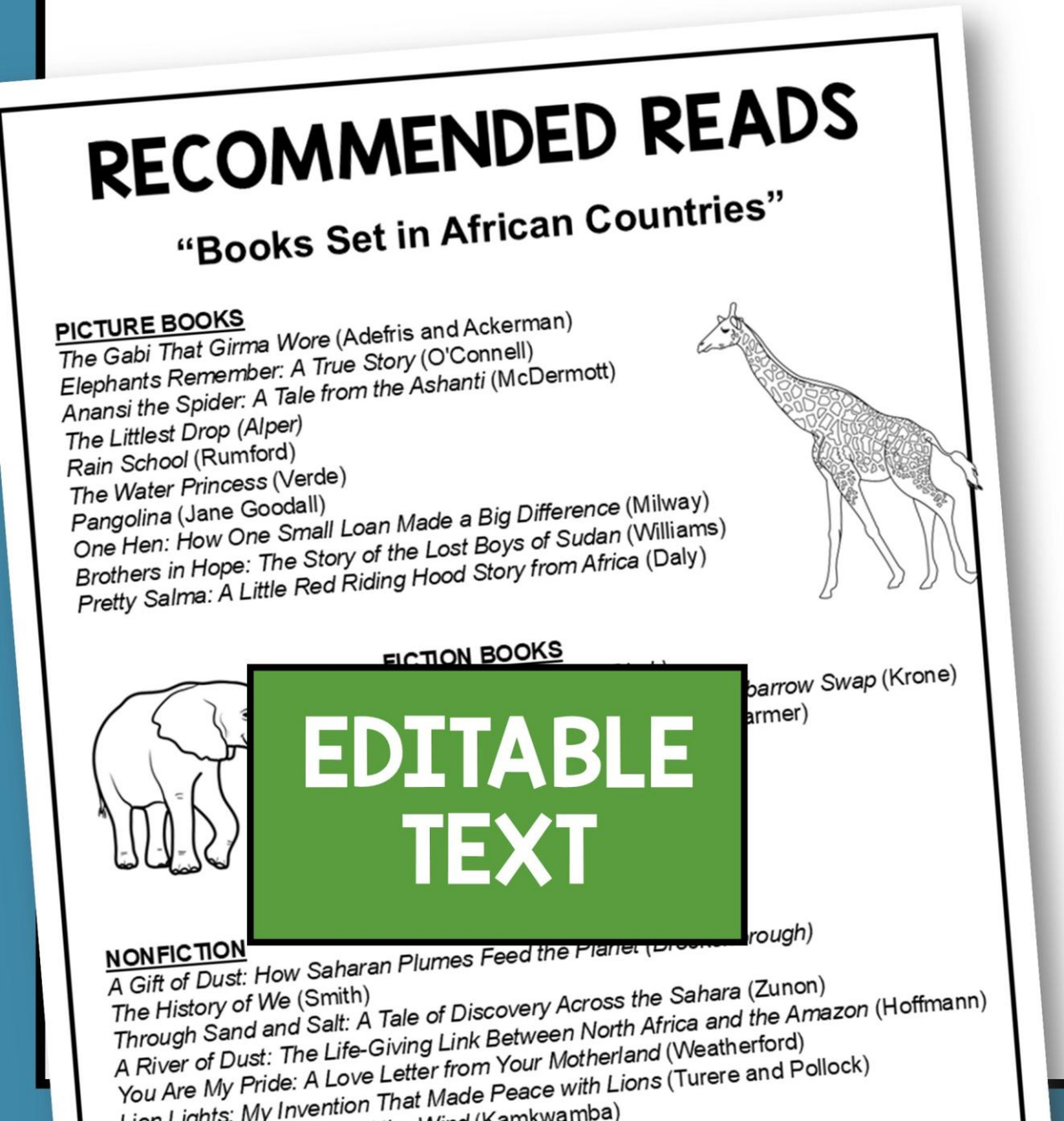
PRINTABLE ACTIVITIES

Keep early-finishers engaged during checkout! All images and answers to the scavenger hunt questions appear in Part II of the presentation. Two differentiated versions of each!









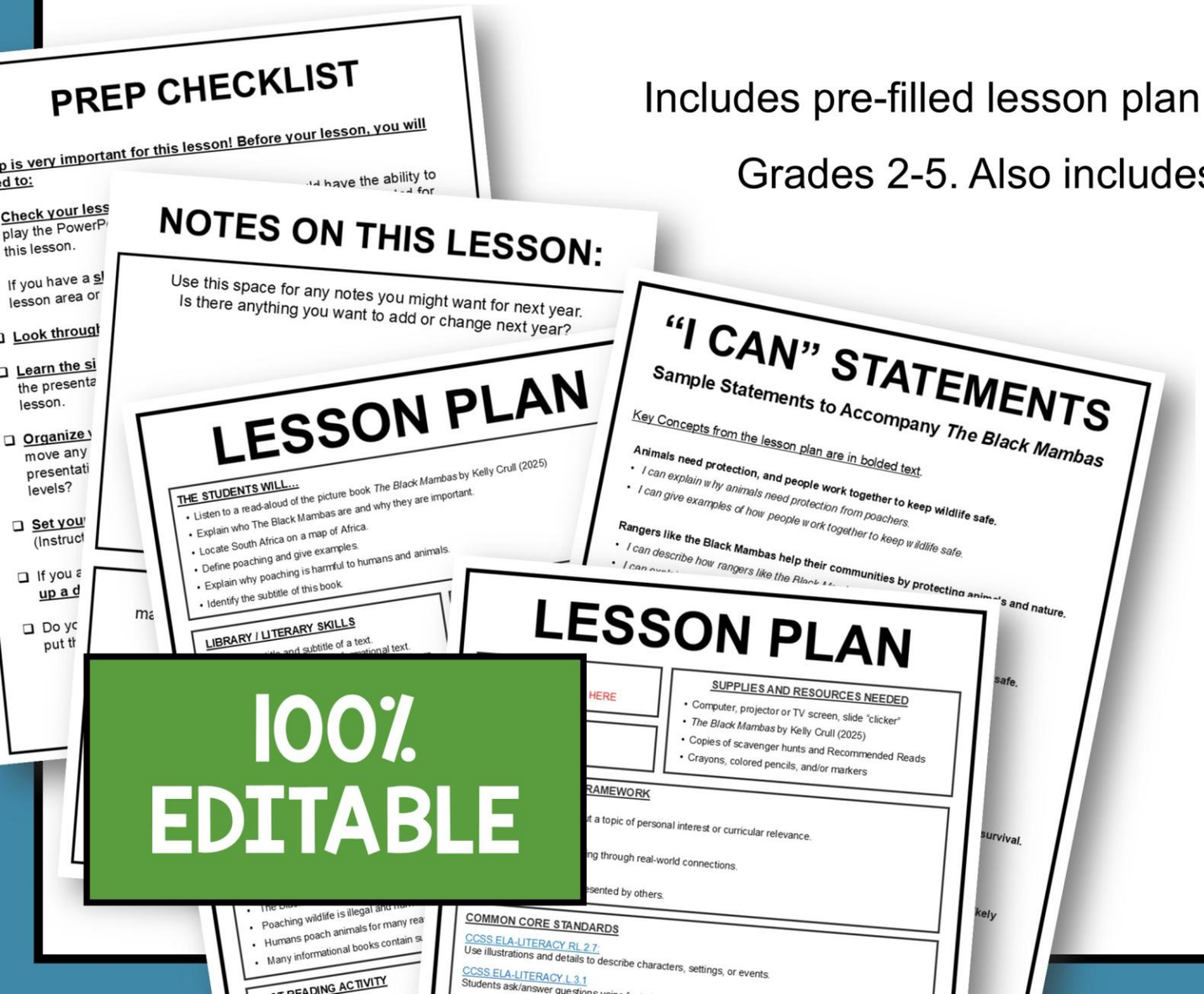
This is an editable list of 29 recommended books to accompany to *The Black Mambas*.

I am a Texas-certified, experienced school librarian and ELA teacher. I hand-selected every book on this list.

Every title on this list is well-reviewed for Grades K-5 and includes positive professional reviews in Titlewave.

Use it for your own reference, add it to book displays, or send it to teachers or home to parents!

EDITABLE LESSON PLAN



Includes pre-filled lesson plan with AASL, CCSS, and TEKS standards for Grades 2-5. Also includes 12 "I Can" Statements for this lesson.

The Notes page is a place where you can make notes to yourself for next year, or whenever you teach this lesson again.

100% editable to make it as easy and useful as possible!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are these lessons ready to use TODAY?

Mostly, yes! There are a few slides that are customizable to your library.

If you need a lesson in a pinch, you can just skip over or delete those slides in the lesson.

Is this lesson editable?

Yes – all text in all parts of the lesson presentation and printables are editable in PPT and Google Slides.

PDF versions are editable in Canva and Adobe Acrobat Pro.

Does this resource include the book *The Black Mambas*?

It does not. You will need a copy of *The Black Mambas* by Kelly Crull for this lesson. It is not included.

Check your school or public library for the book. You may also find low-cost copies at used bookstores or yard sales.

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All follow the same format as this lesson.

