#### Start the new year right!



#### REFOCUS AFTER THE BREAK WITH 5 DAYS OF READY-TO-USE ACTIVITIES

- Write resolutions & set new learning goals
- Learn the history of celebrating on New Year's Eve
- Read about the traditions around the world

#### Print & Digital Options



# ENGAGING LESSONS

on Power Point & Google Slides<sup>TM</sup> With 4-Day Lesson Plan

- The History of New Year Celebrations
- New Year Traditions Around the World
- What is a Resolution and Why Do People Make Them?

# Leveled Reading Passages

Name \_\_\_\_\_

The History of the New Year's Resolution

I. When did the tradition of making resolutions begin?

2. Why did the Babylonians make resolutions?

3. Who did the Romans name the first



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# LEVELED PASSAGES

- 640L 730L 960L
- Comprehension questions
- Answer Key



#### The History of the New Year's Resolution

The tradition of the New Year's resolution dates back 4000 years to the ancient Babylonians. They made promises at the beginning of each new year to earn the favor of the gods. They believed that faithfully keeping their promises would bring them good fortune during the next twelve months.

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It was believed that Janus could see past events and forward into the future. He became the symbol of making resolutions.

Many Romans made a positive start each year by asking for forgiveness from their enemies. They also exchanged gifts with friends and family before the new year.



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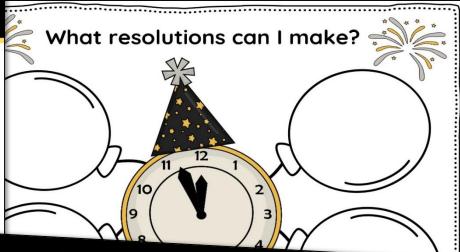
## in Print and Digital format

## Resolution Writing

#### Why do people make resolutions?

The ancient Babylonians are said to have been the first people to make New Year's resolutions about 4,000 years ago. Their new year began in mid-March when crops were planted. The ancient Babylonians

made promises at the beginning of each new year to earn the favor of the gods. They believed this would



#### Write a New Year's resolution

- Think about a goal you want to set for yourself.
- 2. Write down your goal.
- 3. Think about how you will accomplish your goal.
- 4. Write your goal as a resolution.
- Make a New Year's horn.Inside, write your resolution

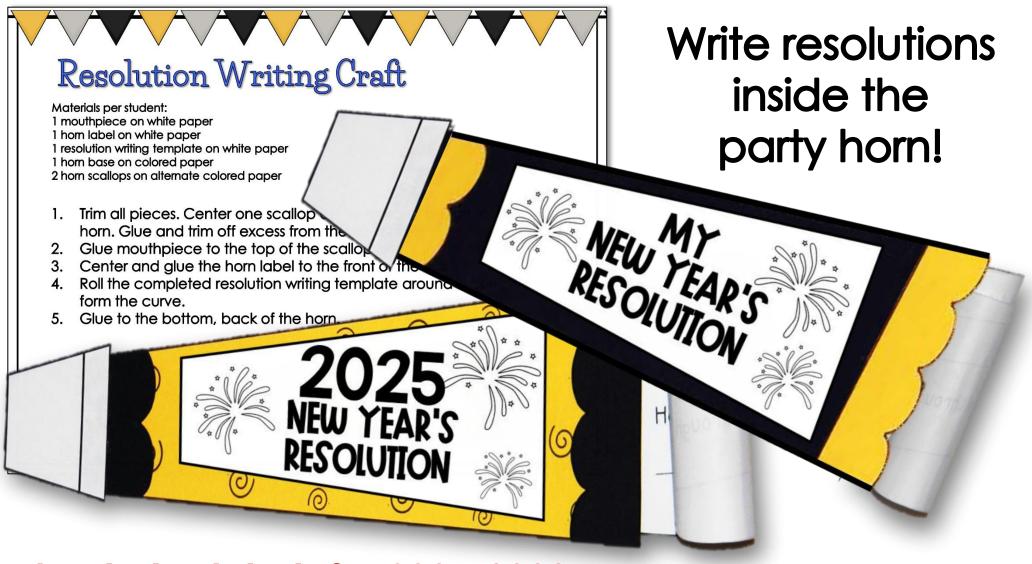






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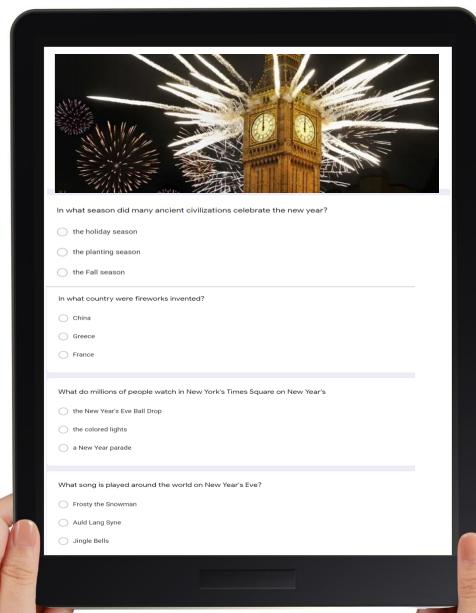
## Resolution Writing Craft



\*Includes labels for 2025-2030

#### Set new learning goals

## Print & Digital quiz options



# Paper option or self-grading Google Form

#### Name

I. In what season did many ancient civilizations celebrate the new year?

- A. the holiday season
- B. the planting season
- C. the Fall season

2. What do millions of people watch in New York's Times Square on New Year's Eve?

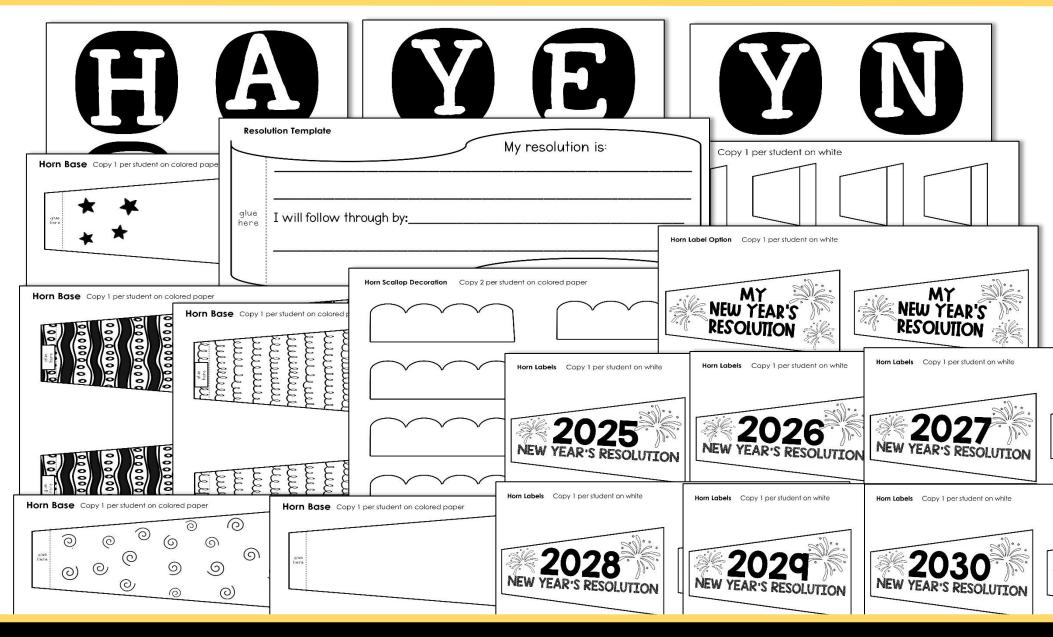
- A. the New Year's Eve Ball Drop
- B. the colored lights
- C. a New Year's parade

#### Show What You Know

- 3. Fireworks were invented in
- what country? A. China
  - B. Greece
  - C. France
- 4. What song is played around the world on New Year's Eve?
  - A. Frosty the Snowman
  - B. Auld Lang Syne
  - C. Jingle Bells
  - 5. What is a resolution?
    - A. a type of clock
    - B. an award

anomice or goal

# Easy prep templates



Includes bulletin board display