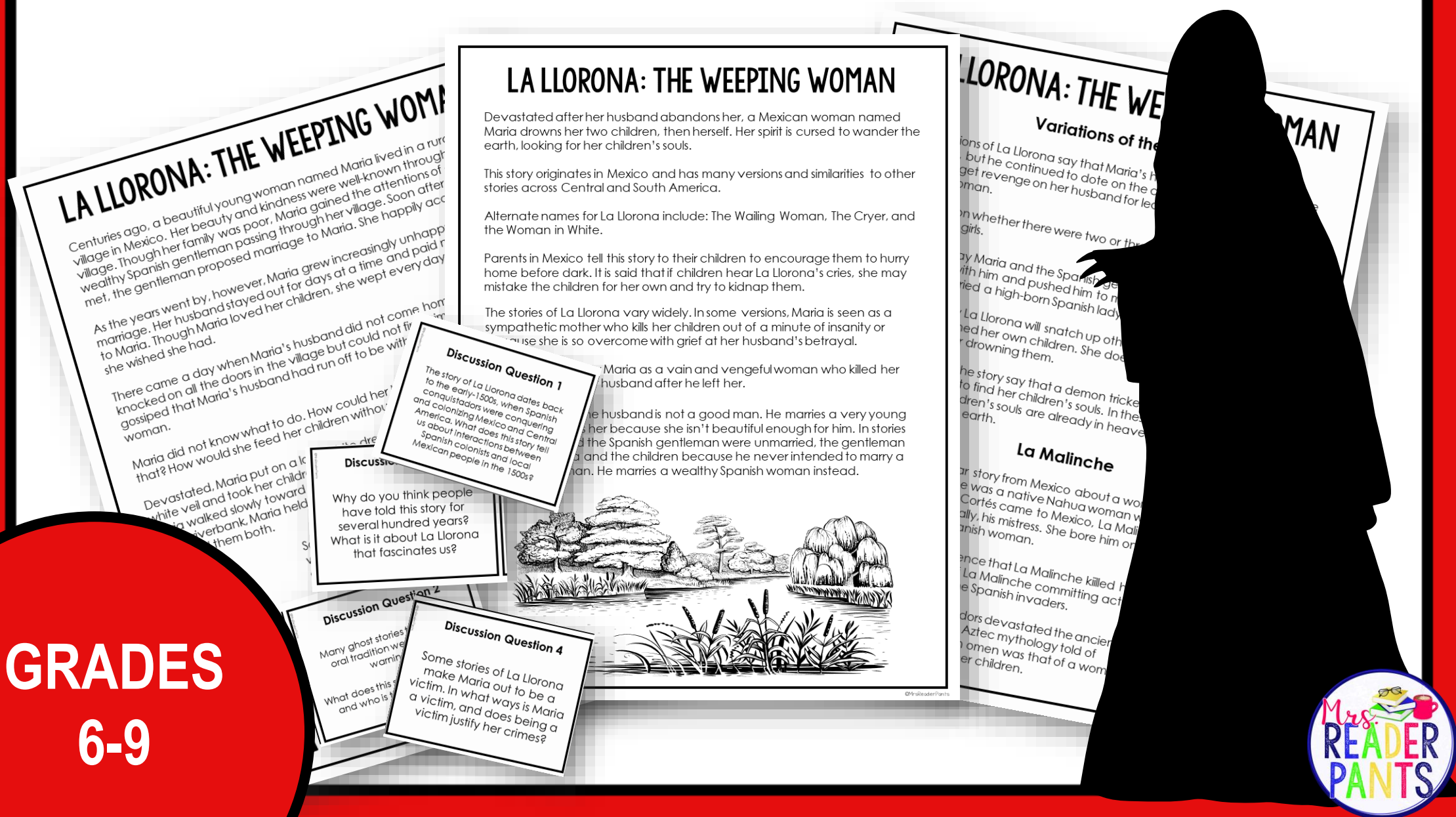


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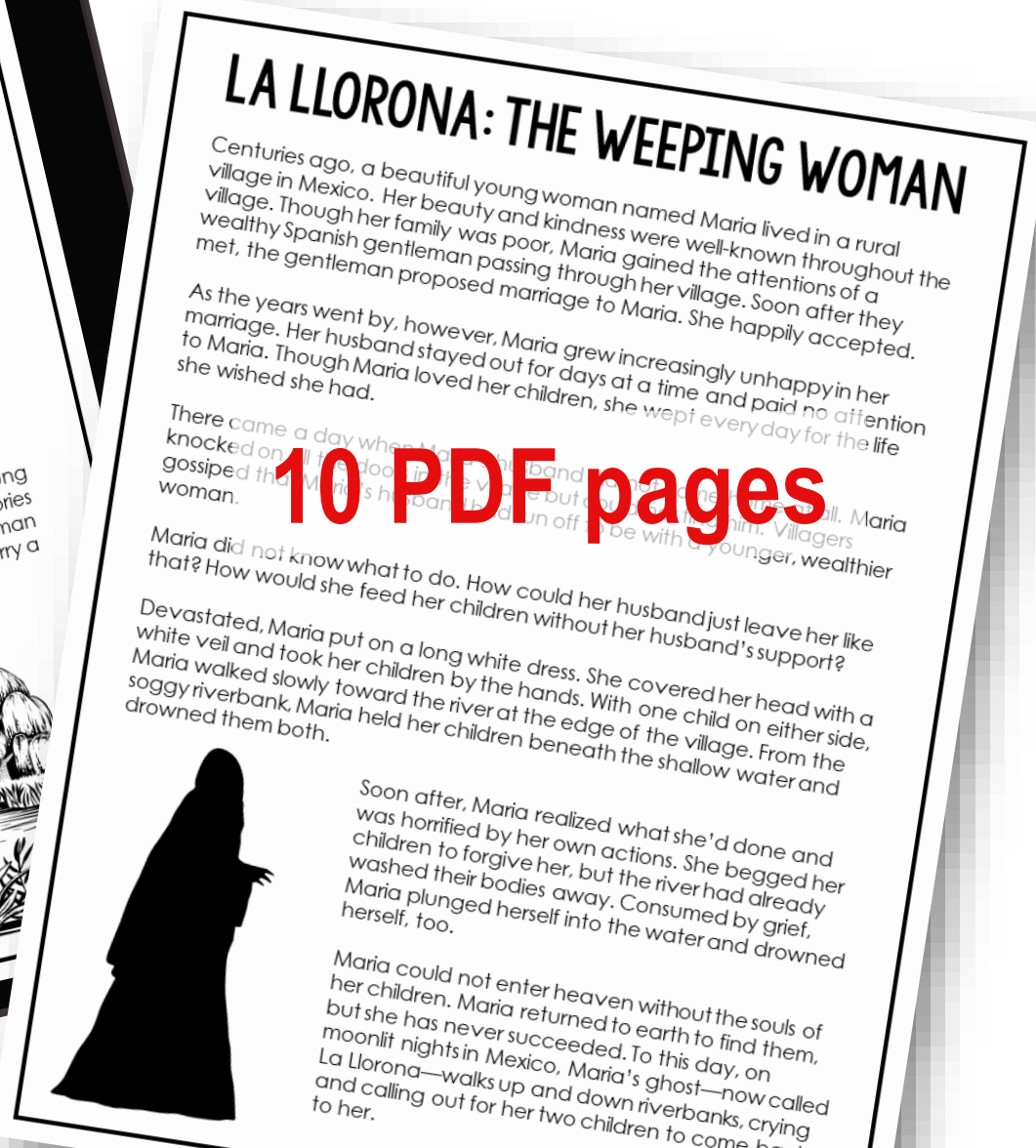
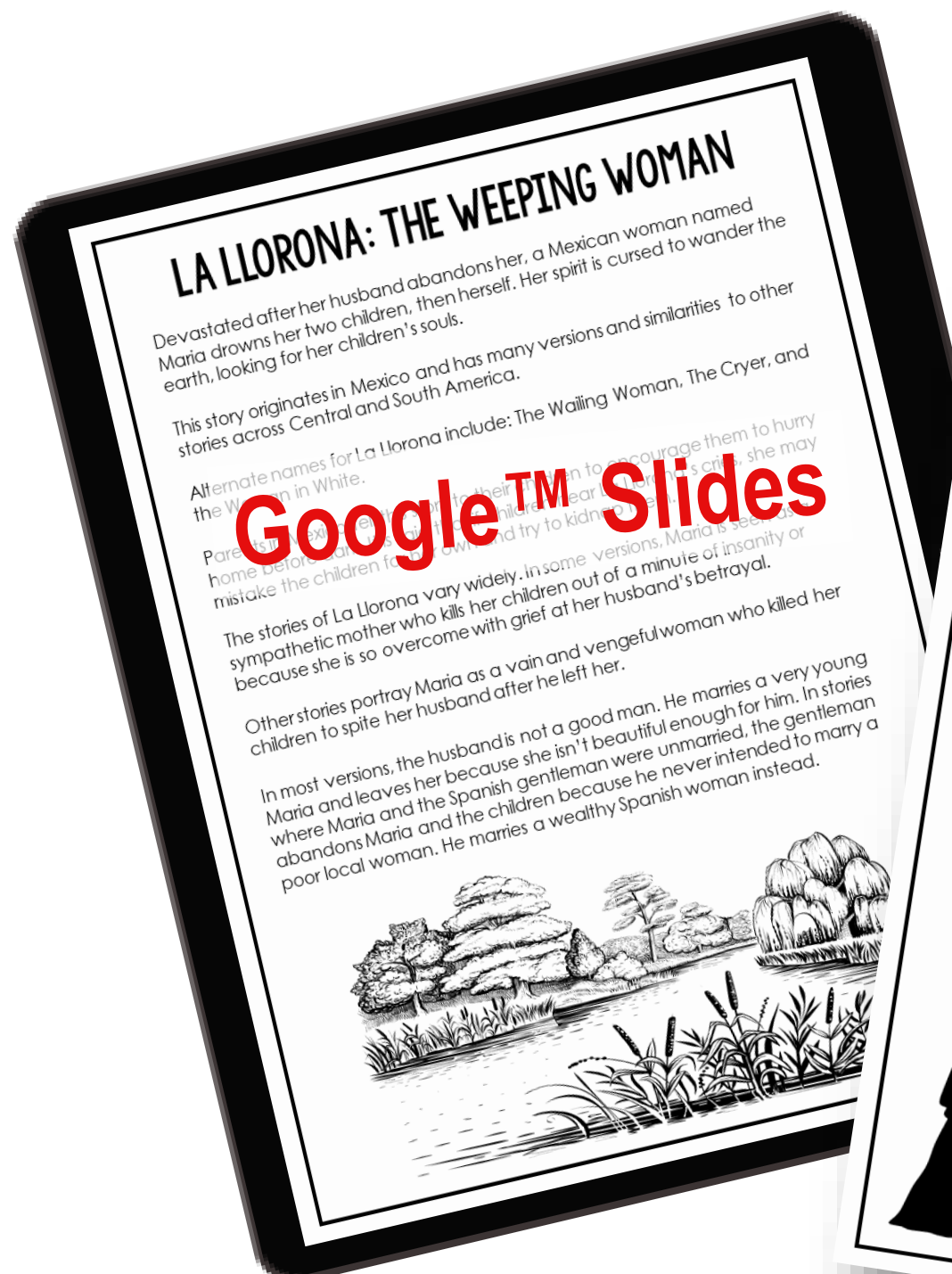
LA LLORONA

Story & discussion

A spooky Halloween alternative for middle school



TWO FORMATS



Both formats include La Llorona background, story, and variations + discussion questions. This resource is NOT editable.

LA LLORONA BACKGROUND, STORY, AND VARIATIONS

LA LLORONA: THE WEeping WOMAN

Devastated after her husband abandons her, a Mexican woman named Maria drowns her two children, then herself. Her spirit is cursed to wander the earth, looking for her children's souls.

This story originates in Mexico and has many versions and similarities to other stories across Central and South America.

Alternate names for La Llorona include: The Wailing Woman, The Cryer, and the Woman in White.

Parents in Mexico tell this story to their children to encourage them to hurry home before dark. It is said that if children hear La Llorona's cries, she may mistake the children for her own and try to kidnap them.

The stories of La Llorona vary widely. In some versions, Maria is seen as a sympathetic mother who kills her children out of a minute of insanity or because she is so overcome with grief at her husband's betrayal.

Other stories portray Maria as a vain and vengeful woman who killed her children to spite her husband after he left her.

In most versions, the husband is not a good man. He marries a very young Maria and leaves her because she isn't beautiful enough for him. In stories where Maria and the Spanish gentleman were unmarried, the gentleman abandons Maria and the children because he never intended to marry a poor local woman. He marries a wealthy Spanish woman instead.



THE WEeping WOMAN

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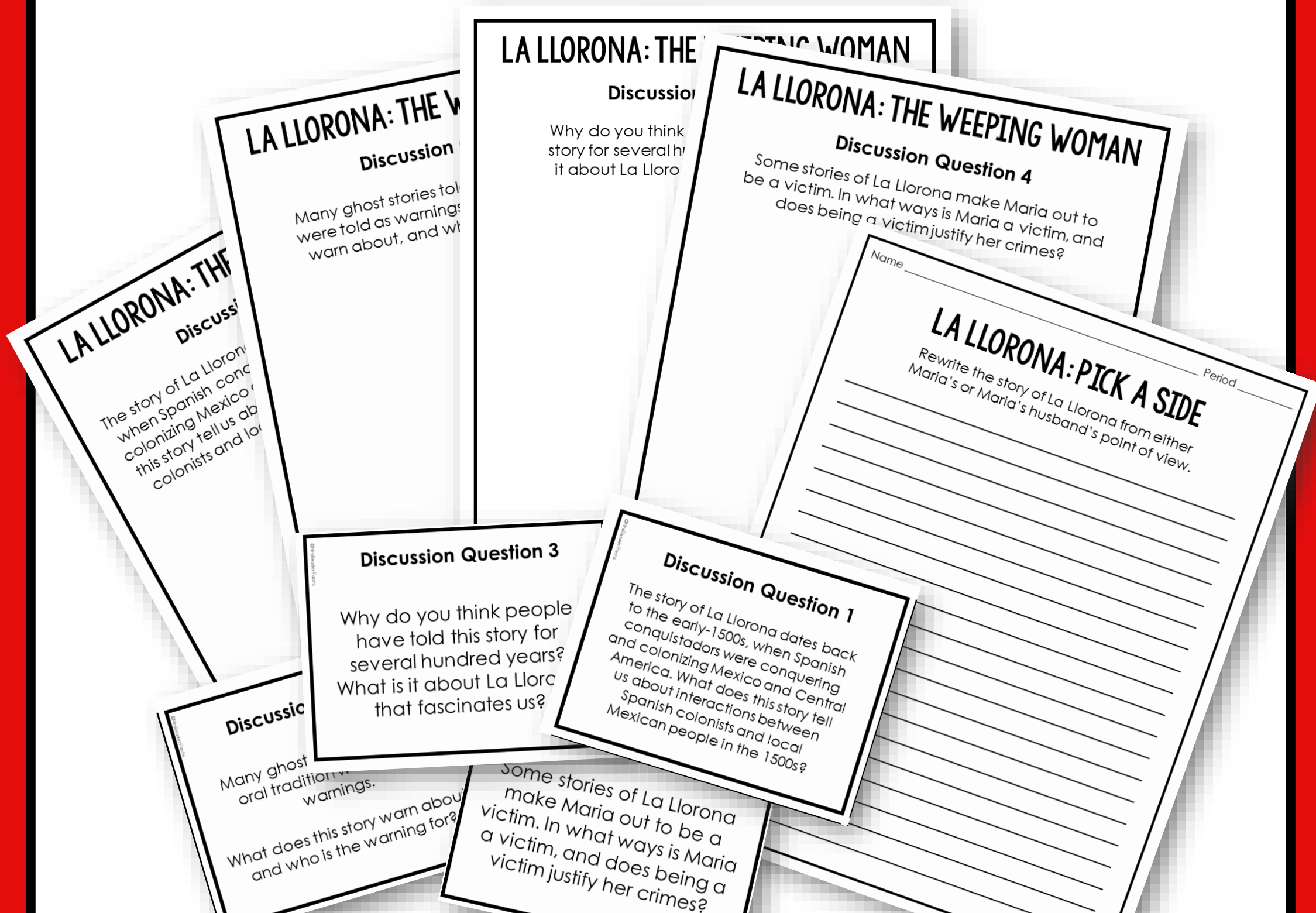
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4 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



Includes discussion cards, full-page essay
discussion questions, and a creative writing prompt

MORE ALTERNATIVES TO HALLOWEEN

