

RAINBOW HEXAGONS



Hey there, Creative Teacher,

Hexagonal thinking is such a great addition to your classroom toolkit! With these templates, I hope to be giving you what you need to use this strategy for a rich discussion, on, well, just about anything.

You can print these blank hexagons and laminate them, then either fill them with terms, characters and concepts using dry erase markers yourself, or invite students to do so.

In hexagonal thinking, the goal is to discuss and make connections between all the different ideas represented on the hexagons. Each hexagon has the potential to be connected to up to six others, but may only connect to one or two. Students will need to debate and give evidence to each other as they discuss where to place their hexagons. Eventually they will fill in the connection arrows to point to key connections and show their rationale.

Here's an example of directions you can give to your students:

“Once you have your set of hexagons, it's time for your group to begin making connections between them. Your connections will be really different, and your conversations will be about showing why you think different ideas and options connect. Everyone will see things differently, and that's OK. Just keep talking until you find the connections that stick. Use the text to give evidence for why you think your connections are strong ones.

Each hexagon can connect to up to six others. Arrange and rearrange until you feel you have the strongest hexagon web in place that you can. Then begin explaining your connections with connection arrows, writing in why you have created intersections between key hexagons.”

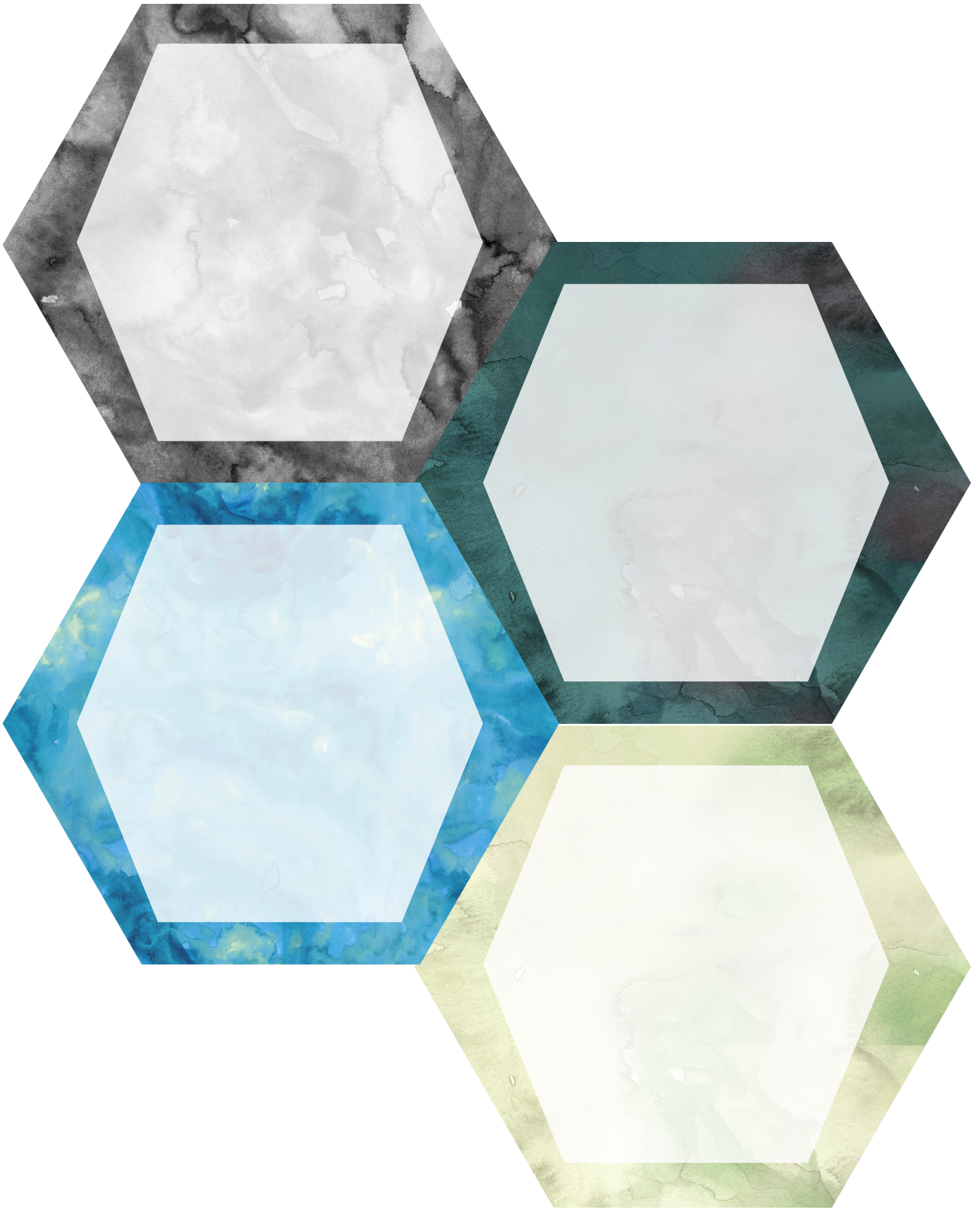
At this point, you can let them know how many arrows they need to include and what you want them to do with their web when it's done.

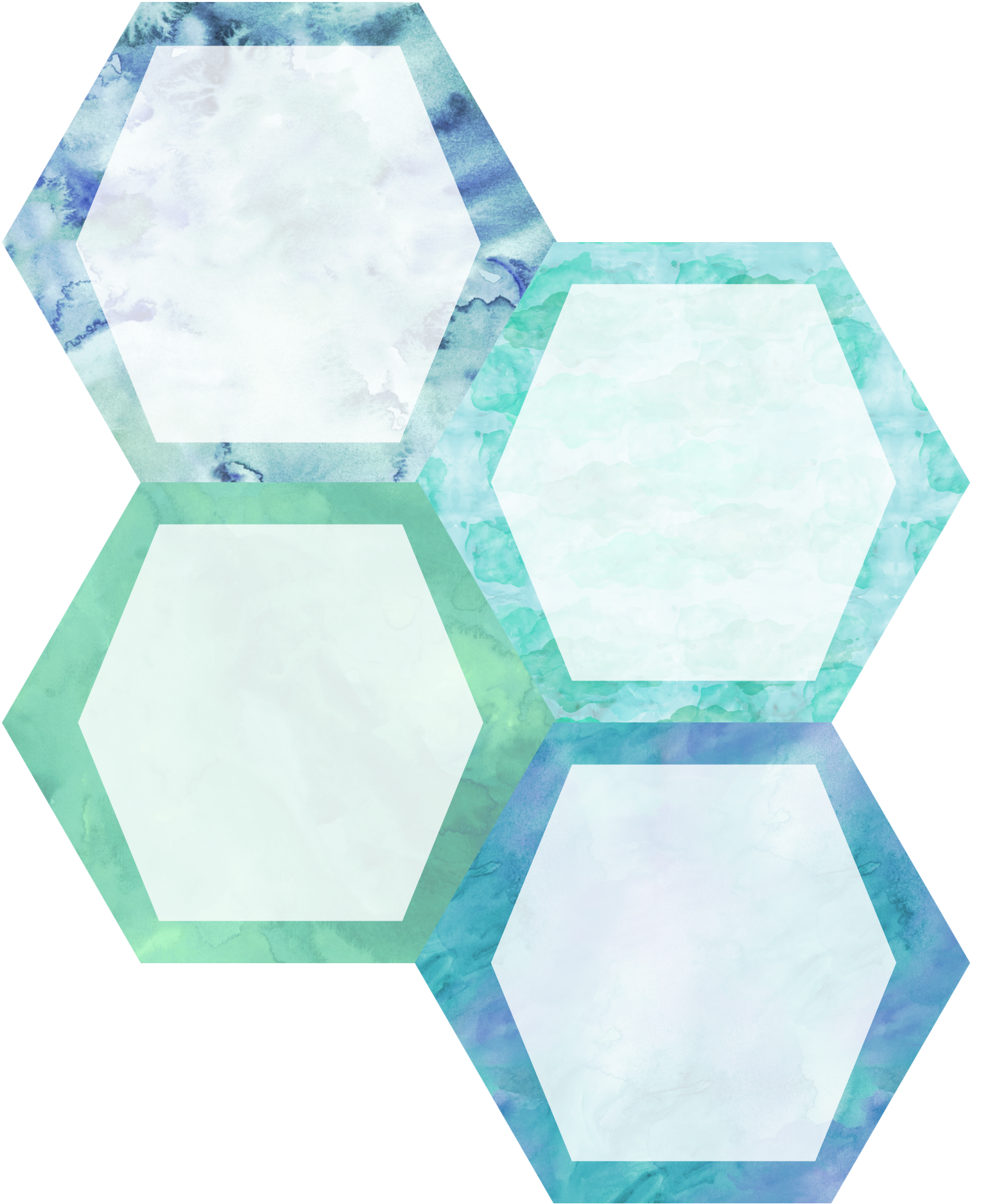
I suggest you eventually have each group tape display their work so you can finish with a gallery walk. Then take photos before having groups wipe off their cards (unless you need them for another class). As you probably know, the longer dry erase marker is on, the harder it is to wipe off! You may need some cleaning solution to get it off if you leave it on for long.

Take care, Betsy (from Spark Creativity)

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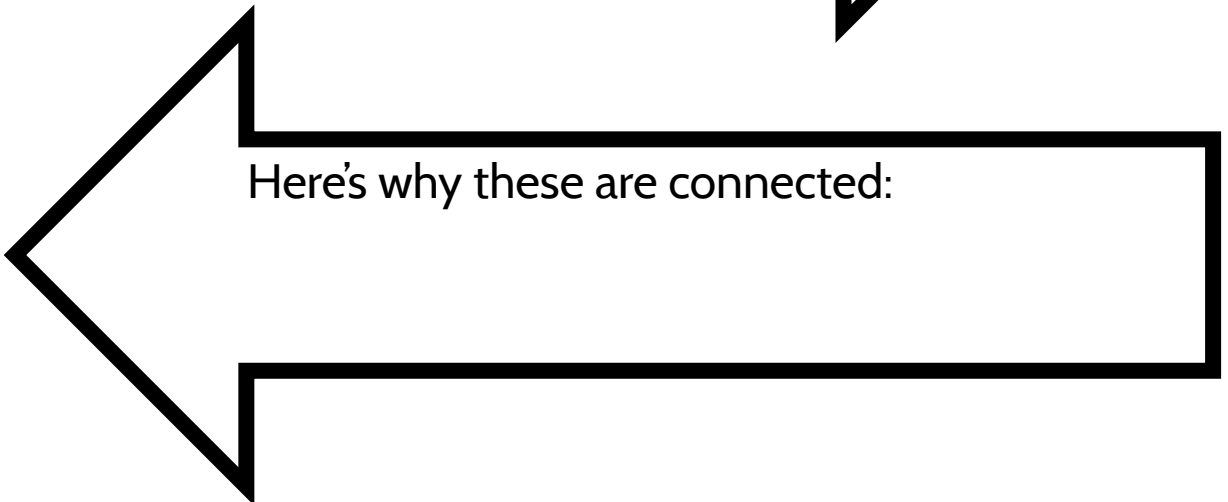
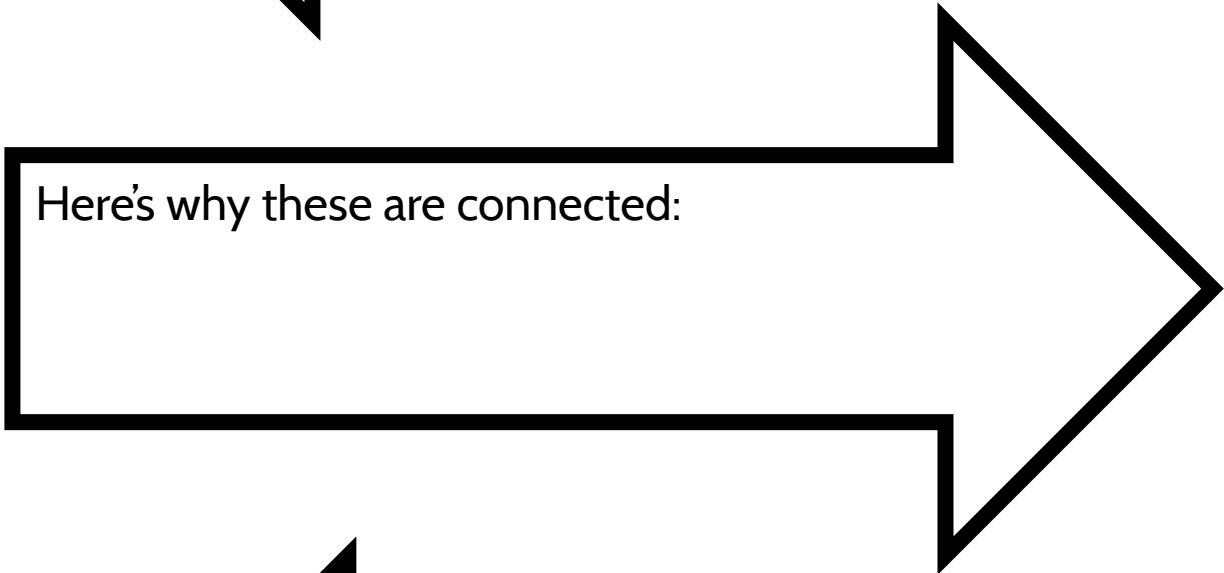
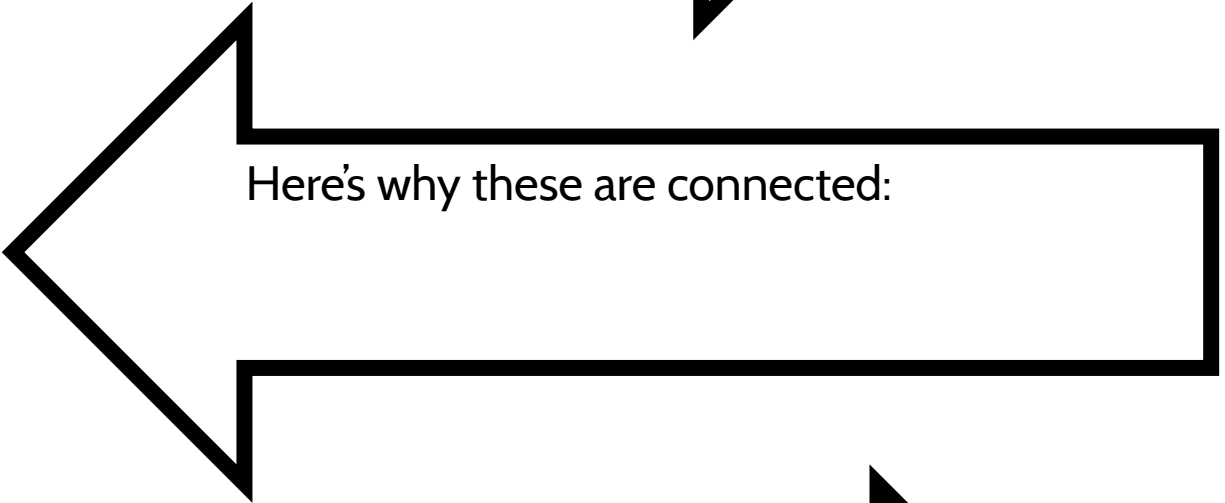
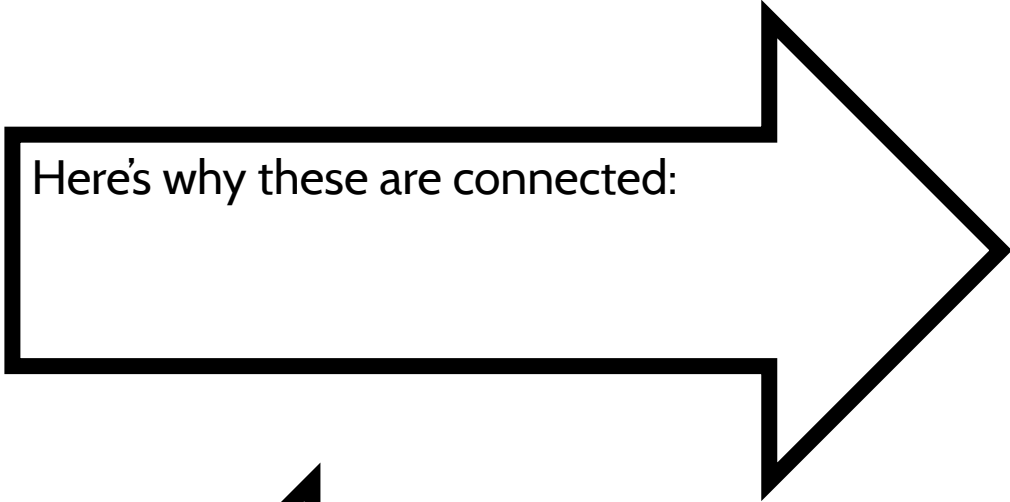
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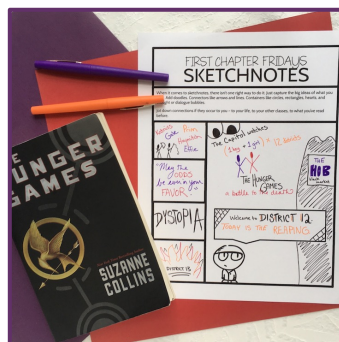
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