The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963. The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis tells the story of a family's summer vacation and how it changes their lives forever. Kenny, the narrator, and his siblings are forced to confront the harsh realities of racism and segregation. The novel offers a powerful and moving examination of the Civil Rights Movement and its impact on African American families. Students will enjoy studying the story elements of The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963. Through these engaging activities, students create products to share their understanding of the characters, plots, and settings of the novel. Comprehension tasks and diverse and relevant assessments strengthen students' literacy skills. This high-interest resource is suitable for 4th-8th grade classrooms.