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COLLABORATIVE PUZZLE



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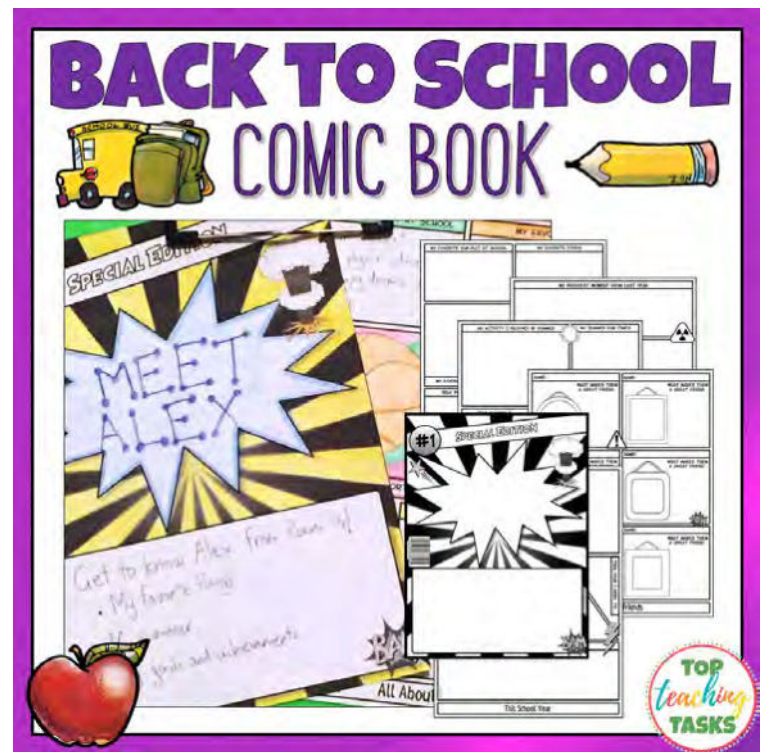




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Directions For Use

Create a collaborative jigsaw puzzle that introduces the students in your class and reinforces your classroom unity!

1. Print and laminate the colored collaborative puzzle design multiple times (page 10 of this PDF). Have this available for students as a reminder of where their puzzle piece fits in the full design.
 2. Print ALL the puzzle pieces. I recommend using cartridge or card stock paper.
 3. The pages are numbered for the order they each will go in the poster.
 - A1-A6 (top row)
 - B1-B6 (second row)
 - C1-C4 (third row)
 - D1-D4 (fourth row)
 - E1-E6 (fifth row)
 - F1-F6 (sixth row)
 4. Choose the central square option and print out the four pieces.
 5. Give each student on puzzle piece. Students use symbols* to show who they are, and also display their names. Students color their puzzle piece and cut it out.
 6. Arrange the completed puzzle pieces to create your collaborative poster.
- *Use the provided 'What is a Symbol' poster to help students to understand symbolism.

What about the extra puzzle pieces? We provided enough puzzle pieces to ensure large classes can be included, too. If you have spare pieces, ask your teacher support staff, principal, school office team, or parent volunteers to make a puzzle piece. I bet they would be honored to be included! You can replace those extra pieces if new students arrive during the school year. Another option is to challenge early finishers to create a second puzzle piece in a contrasting style that also symbolizes them.

Directions For Use

Get the most out of this resource

How should I keep track of the pieces that go next to each other when assembling the poster?

In the top left corner of each page there is a “coordinate” e.g. A1, B5. I recommend having your students write their coordinate lightly on the back of their piece, along with their name.

This way, it ensures when it gets placed in the poster you have it in the right spot and you know who it belongs to.

What is the best way to assemble the poster?

I like to assemble the poster on a flat surface, face down (tape on the back) and use masking tape to stick pages together.

This way you have a full poster that you can move around and position. This is not the only method, though. I’ve seen teachers attach individual pieces to a wall or bulletin board and assemble as the pieces are turned in. Either way...it will look awesome!

Symbolism Guide

- Symbolism is when one idea, feeling, emotion, or other concept is represented by something else, like a:
 - picture
 - symbol/icon
 - color
 - sound
 - character/person
 - place
 - object

In this activity, students will represent themselves using symbolism.

- An example that students will easily understand is the United States flag. The United States flag represents America. In fact, asking your students to brainstorm symbols of the United States can help them to understand symbolism. There are lots of iconic U.S symbols such as the eagle, the White House, and the Statue of Liberty. When people see these symbols, they think of America.
- We have included a 'What is a Symbol?' poster for students to refer to. This poster gives more information regarding symbols and their use.



What is Symbolism?
video

WHAT IS A SYMBOL?

A SYMBOL IS AN OBJECT OR PICTURE
THAT REPRESENTS SOMETHING ELSE.

Symbol Examples – Can You Guess These?

USA Symbol
Examples



Colour Symbols



Stop

Caution

Go

Love
Danger
Passion
Speed
Strength
Excitement

Joy
Happiness
Hope
Optimism
Sunshine
Summer

Sky
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Cold
Peace
Unity
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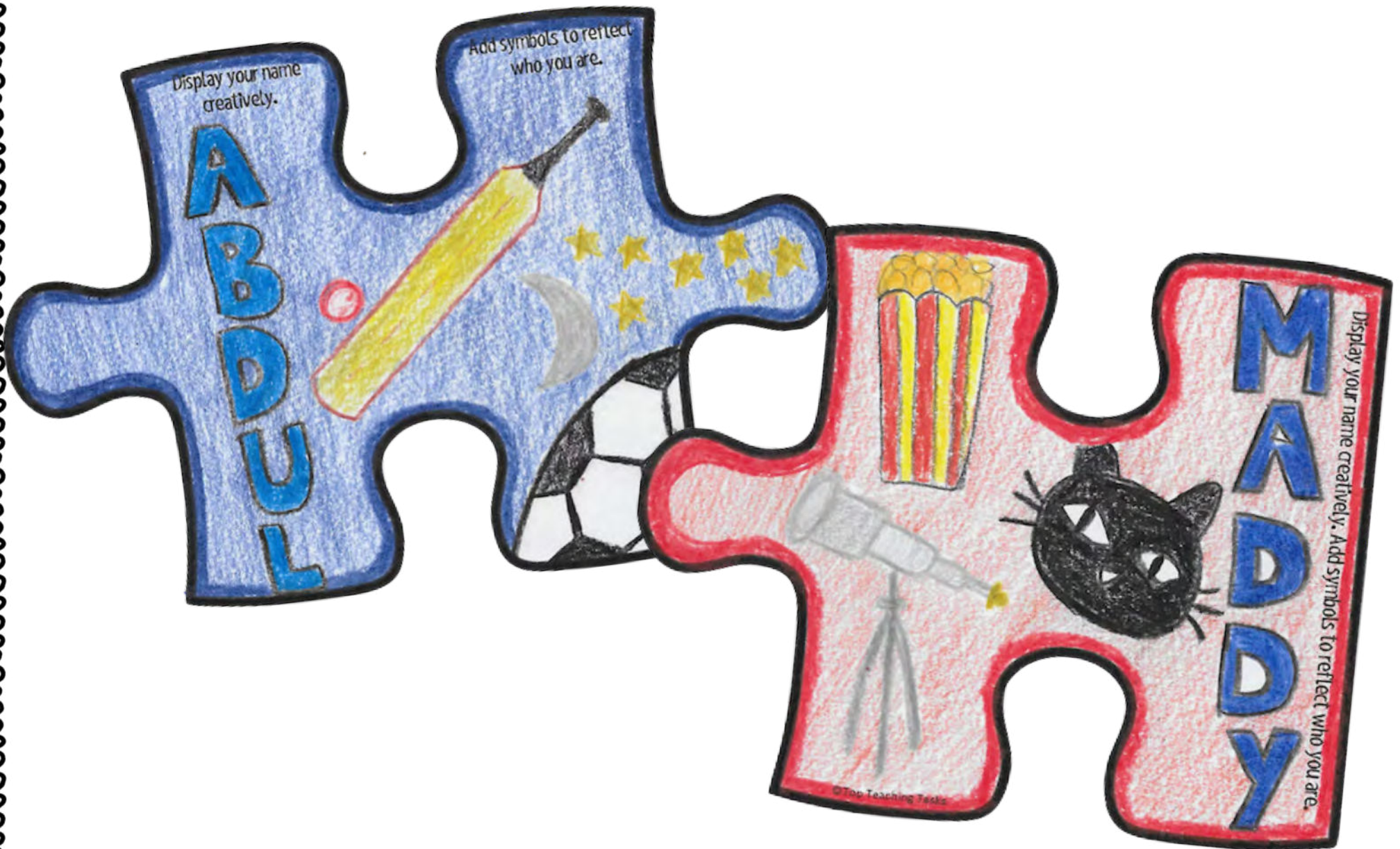
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Generosity
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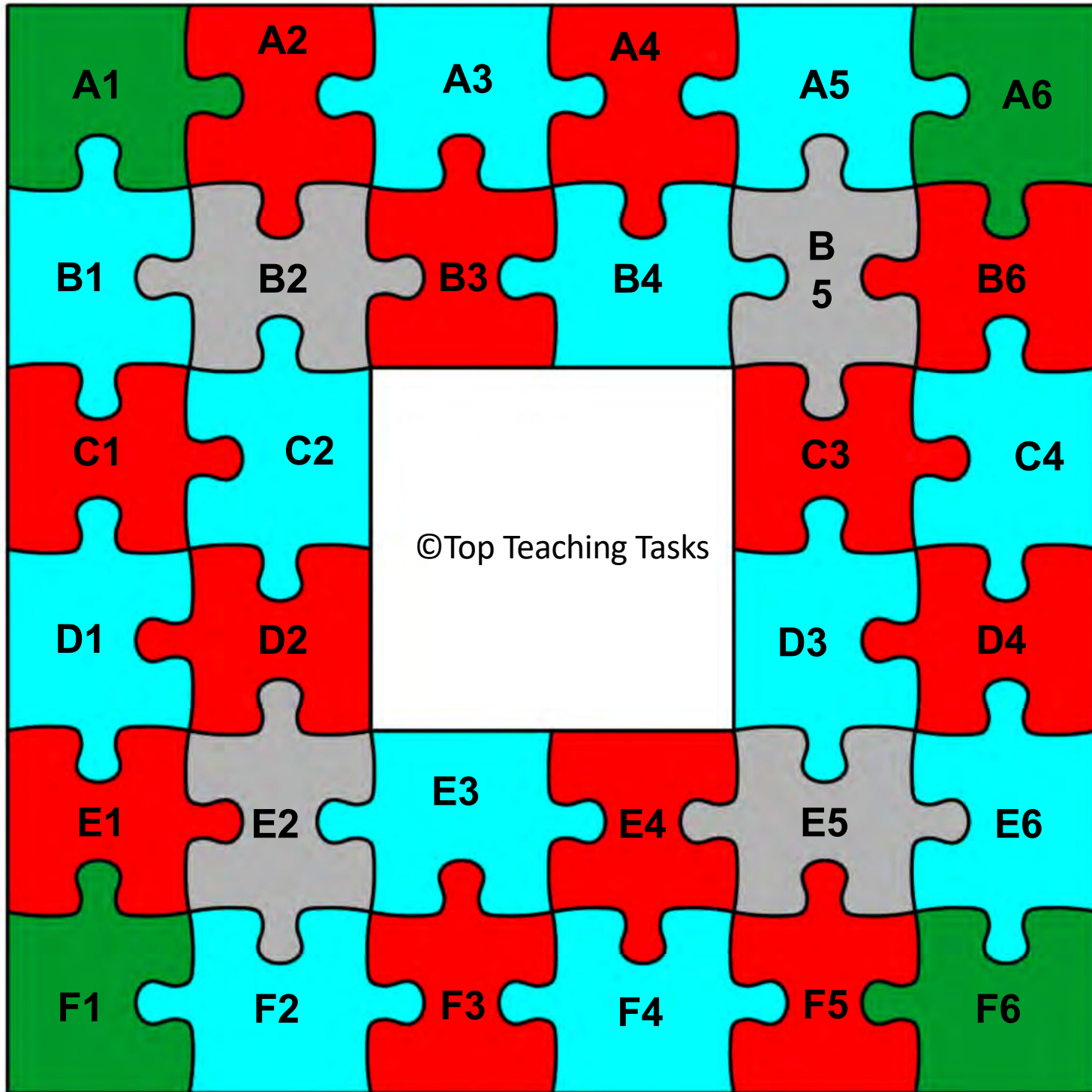
Royalty
Nobility
Spirituality
Mystery
Wisdom
Mourning

Puzzle examples



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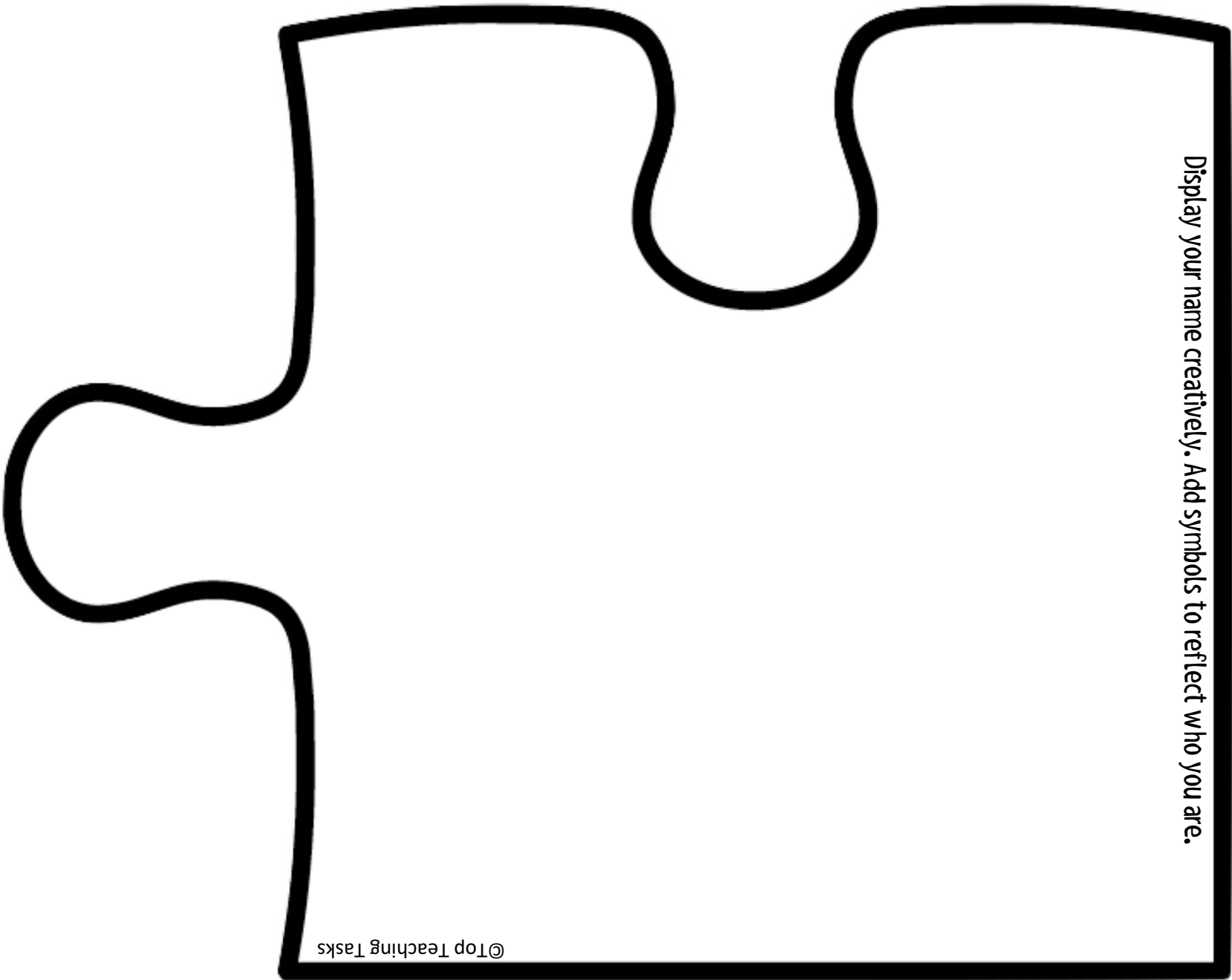
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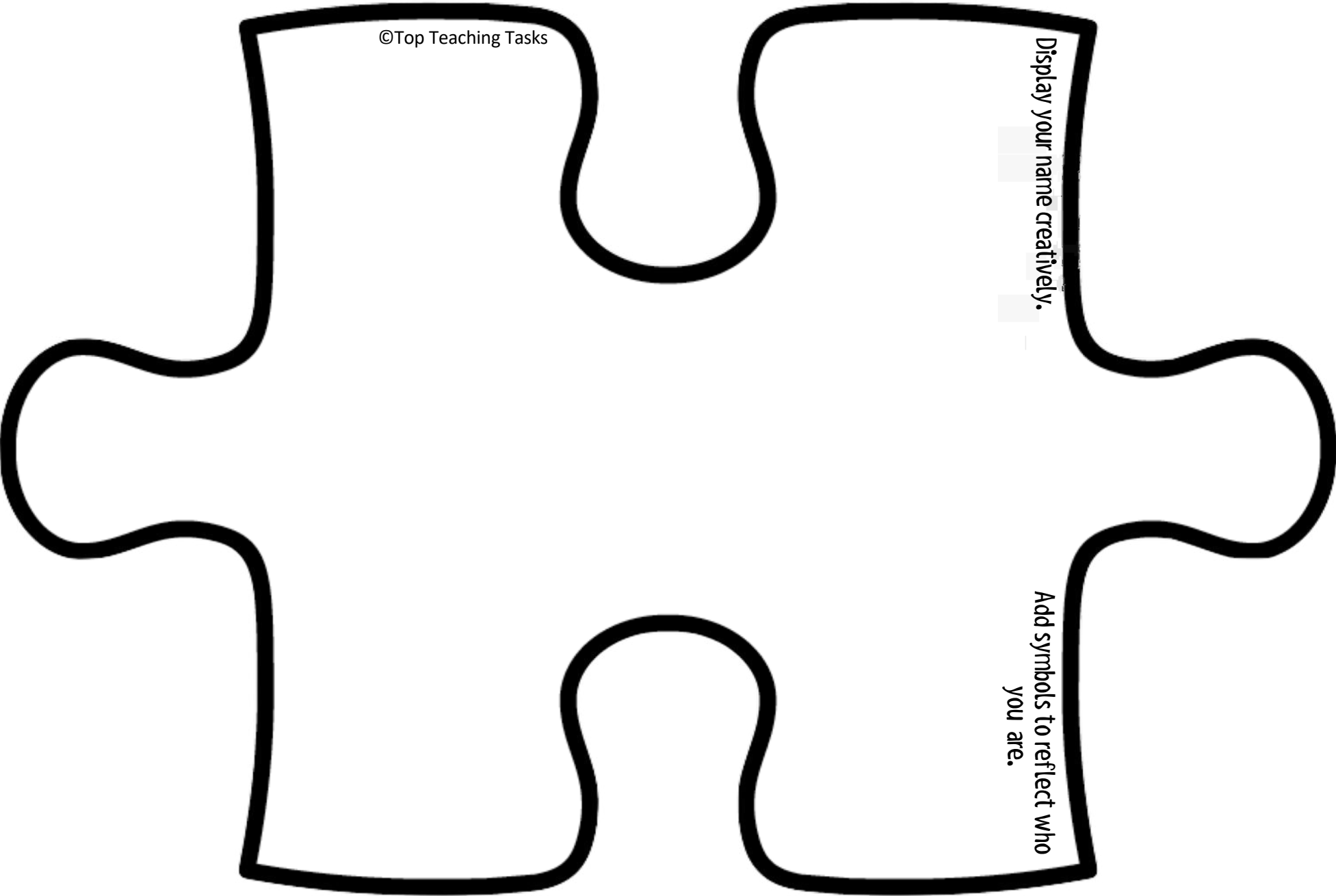
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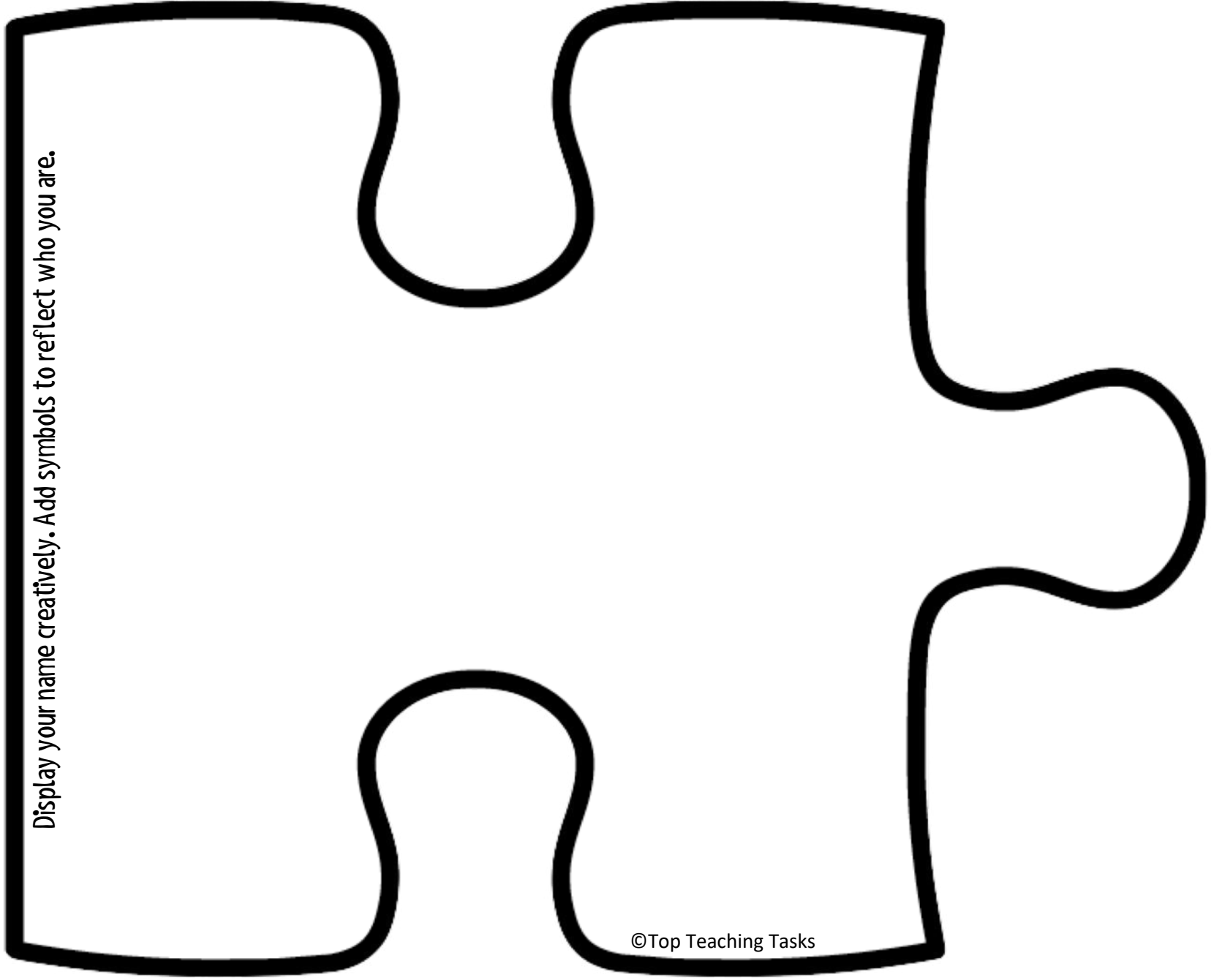
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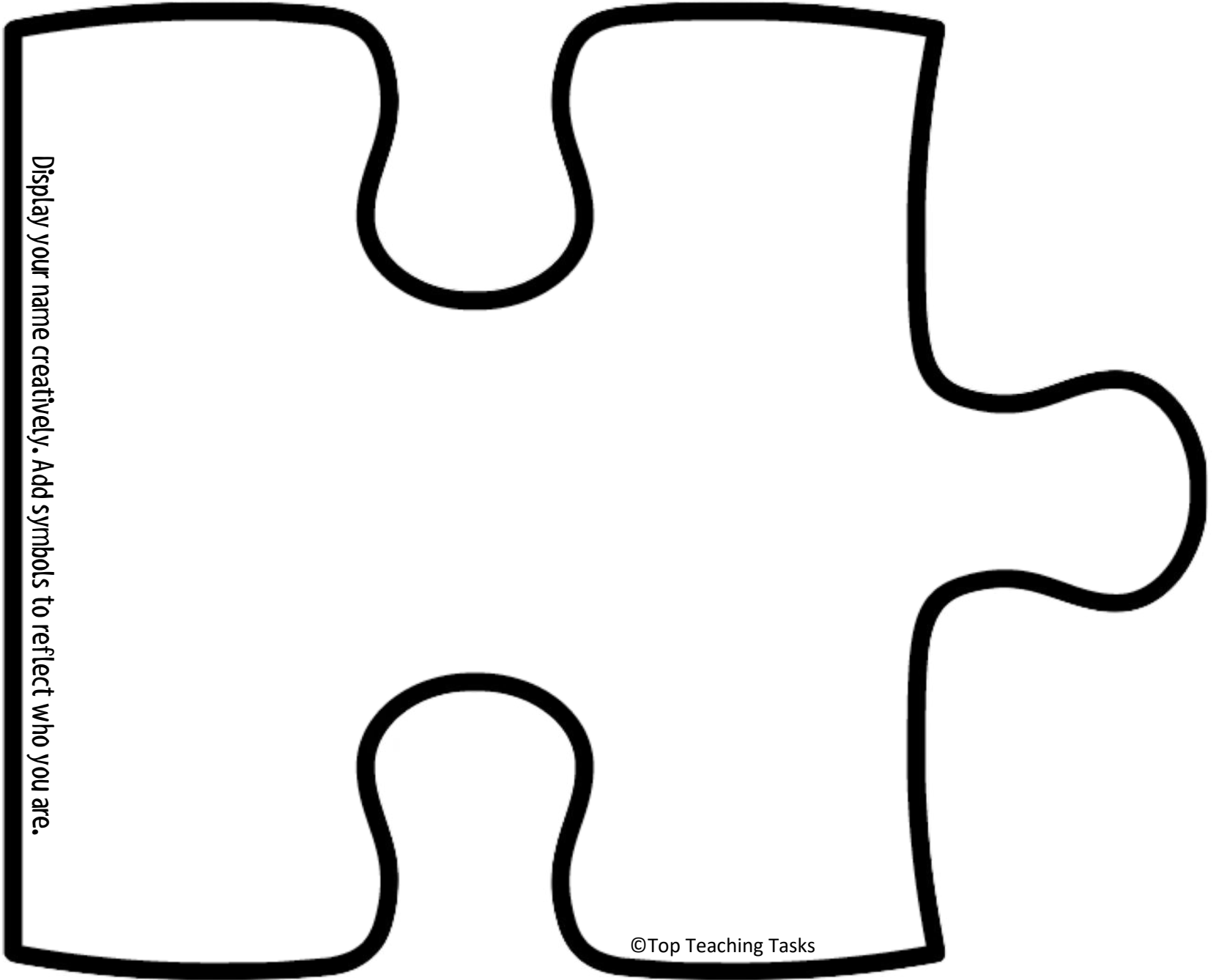
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