

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Clue # 3
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The chosen candidates then begin the campaign process traveling across the country. The campaign process allows candidates to explain their views and try to win the support of voters. A political campaign is an organized effort which seeks to influence the decision makers of a specific group. The most high profile campaigns in the U.S. are focused on the general elections for president.

Each political party has a national committee which raises money for the presidential campaigns, advertisements and commercials for the general election. During the general election, Americans cast their vote for president. People in every state vote for a president and vice president on the same ticket. Never rely on television commercials as your only source of research in choosing a candidate. Often times, commercials simply dredge up negatives on the opposing candidates.

Question
What do national committees raise money for?
A. TV commercials
B. Advertisements
C. Campaigns
D. All of the above

Question
The 20th Amendment moved inauguration Day to noon on...

VOTE

Clue # 2
Did you know?
In 1856 Congress removed property requirements for voters as a requirement for primary elections. Each political party has its own rules. Most states use primary elections, but a few states use caucuses to select their delegates. A caucus is a meeting of supporters or members of a specific political party or movement. A delegate is another word for representative. In a primary election, citizens decide which person will represent their party in the general election. The purpose of a primary is to select voters that do not belong to a party can vote. Primary elections: open and closed. A closed primary means that voters that do not belong to a party can vote. Primary elections: open and closed. A closed primary means that voters that do not belong to a party can vote. Primary elections: open and closed. A closed primary means that voters that do not belong to a party can vote.

THINK TANK

ESCAPE ROOM

PRINT & GO!

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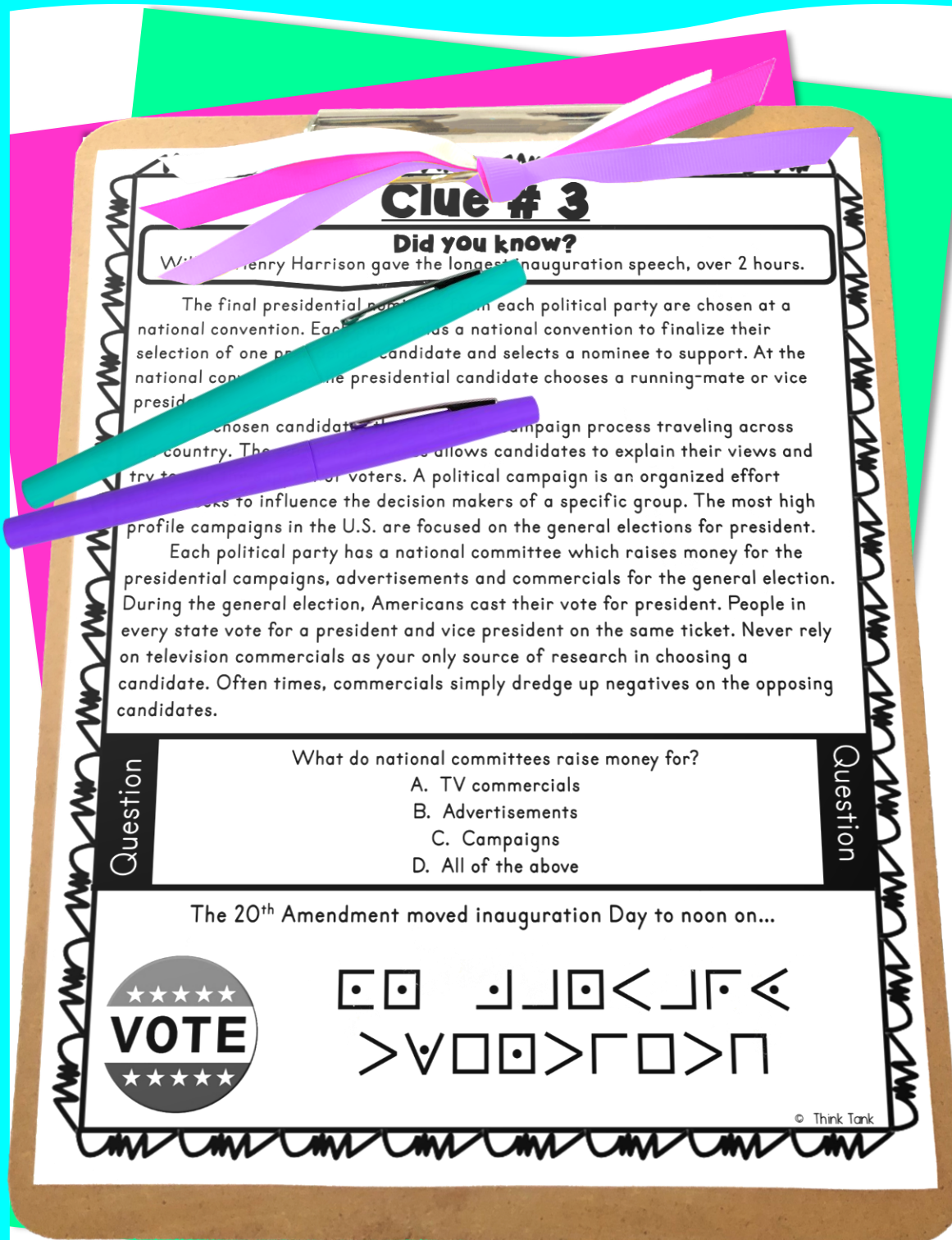
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ANSWER QUESTIONS

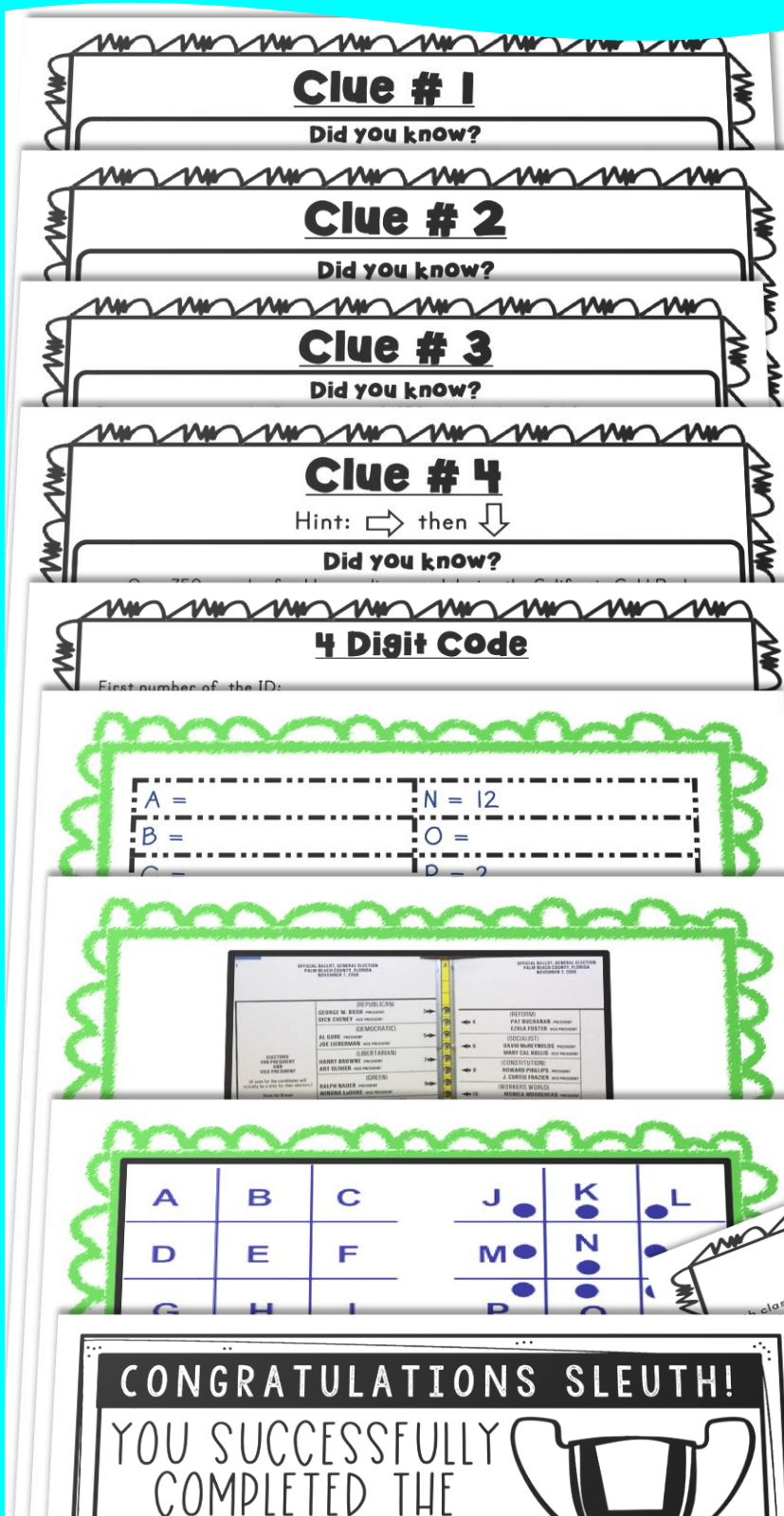
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DECODE PUZZLES



WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ 4 Half Page Passages
- ✓ 4 Puzzle Decoders
- ✓ Differentiated Version
- ✓ Completion Signs
- ✓ 10 Multiple Choice
- ✓ Teacher Answer Key
- ✓ Teacher Guide
- ✓ Puzzle Hints



4 PASSAGES

Clue # 1

Did you know?

In 1872, Susan B. Anthony was arrested for attempting to vote.

Since 1845, Election Day has been the first Monday in November. Presidential elections in the United States occur every four years on Election Day. A president is elected for a term of four years and may serve two terms.

The U.S. Constitution outlines three requirements to become president. Candidates must be at least 35 years old. They must be a natural born citizen of the United States. Lastly, they must be a resident of the United States for 14 years.

There are usually several people who want to be America's next president. A person running for office is called a candidate. The United States has two main political parties - Republicans and Democrats. Each group has specific beliefs and

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In 1856 Congress removed property ownership as a requirement to vote.

Once a candidate decides to run in a presidential election, there are primaries to narrow down the competition. Each political party, Democrats, Republicans, Independents, the Green Party, and others all have their own candidates they believe would be the best fit for the job of POTUS. Political parties will hold several primary elections in various states. Each state has its own rules. Most states use primaries, but a few states use caucuses to select their delegate. A caucus is a meeting of supporters or members of a specific political party or movement. A delegate is another word for a representative.

Clue # 4

Hint: → then ↓

Did you know?

The youngest president was John F. Kennedy at age 43.

When the people vote, they are actually voting for a group called electors. In the US, the vote for president is not based on the popular vote, or who earns the most votes. Instead, it is based on the Electoral College and its votes.

There are 538 electors in the Electoral College. Each elector casts one electoral vote following the general election. A majority of 270 electoral votes is needed to win the presidential election. This allows small states to have their voices heard instead of getting drowned out by big states. The number of electors in each state equals the number of representatives in the House of Representatives, plus 2 for the number of Senators. Usually, the popular vote and Electoral College vote result in the same presidential candidate, though in several instances, this wasn't true. Some candidates win the popular vote, but not win the presidency based on how the Electoral College votes. The newly elected president and vice president take the oath of office and are inaugurated in January.

How many Electoral College votes is considered majority?

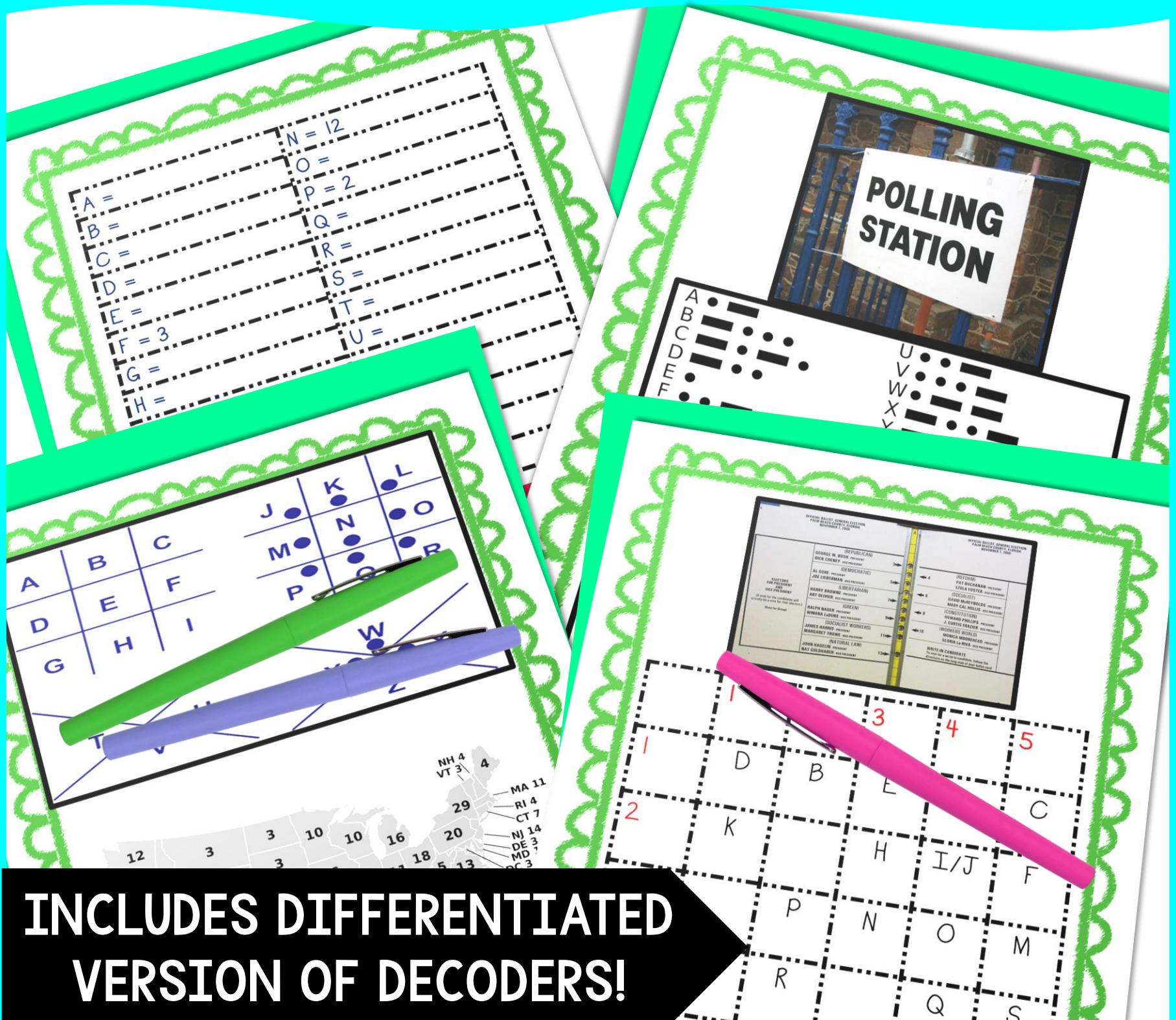
- A. 538
- B. 435
- C. 170
- D. 270

George Washington is the only president with an Electoral College vote of...



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4 DECODERS



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