ABOUT THIS PACKET

The Close Reading Passages in this packet allow students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

TASK	OVERVIEW
TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK	The Fill in the Blank task has students using context clues to insert the correct answer. Certain words are omitted, and students will use the word bank to find the correct answer.
TASK 2: VOCABULARY	This vocabulary activity helps kids understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
TASK 3: CROSSWORD	Students will read the passage searching for answers to the crossword puzzle.
TASK 4: TEXT MARKING	Students will reread the passage again looking for text-marking evidence and annotating the text.
TASK 5: TRUE OR FALSE	Now that students have read the passage several times, they should be able to answer the True or False questions with very little reference back to the reading. This task helps to show overall comprehension of the passage.
TASK 6: SUMMARY	After identifying key vocabulary words, searching for evidence and text-marking, students will fill out this final summary graphic organizer.

GRADE LEVEL	RANGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

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TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

Directions: Use the words below to fill in the reading.

weapons	Robert	Canada
Great Britain	land	Madison
War	Independence	Napoleon

The War of 1812 was a struggle between the United States and Great Britain. It was also known as "the second war of _____" in many aspects. Great Britain and France were locked into war with one another and both sides tried to prevent the United States from trading with the other for supplies, food and _____ needed in the war.

Most of the British soldiers were Canadian militia (volunteers) because British soldiers were already fighting _____ in Europe. The British Navy restricted (limited or did not allow) US trade and they also used a practice called impressment on the United States. Impressment meant that a ship could capture another and press its crew into serving their purposes. For the British Navy taking US ships, that meant they were forced to fight for Great Britain in their war against France. The United States didn't think that practice was fair. James _____ was President at this time. American military leaders included Andrew Jackson, William Henry Harrison, and Winfield Scott. Great Britain was led by King George IV and Prime Minister _____ Jenkinson.

In addition to the troubles at sea, there were also troubles on _____. The Native American population of the American continent were starting to get worried about all the settlers pushing further _____ into their territory. Great Britain had convinced many Native Americans that they could help keep westward expansion. Desperate to stop the settlers, Native Americans thought partnering with Great Britain would be a good idea. That would put the United States in a conflict with Great Britain and the Native Americans.

In 1811, the United States started to push into _____, which was then governed by Great Britain. There were a lot of battles back and forth and there was no clear winner for a long time. On June 18, 1812, war was declared against _____. During the Battle of York, American

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TASK 2: VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Directions: Choose 5 words from the reading that are unfamiliar or new to you and fill in the diagram below.

WORD	PICTURE	DEFINITION

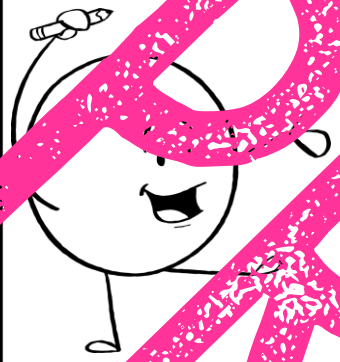
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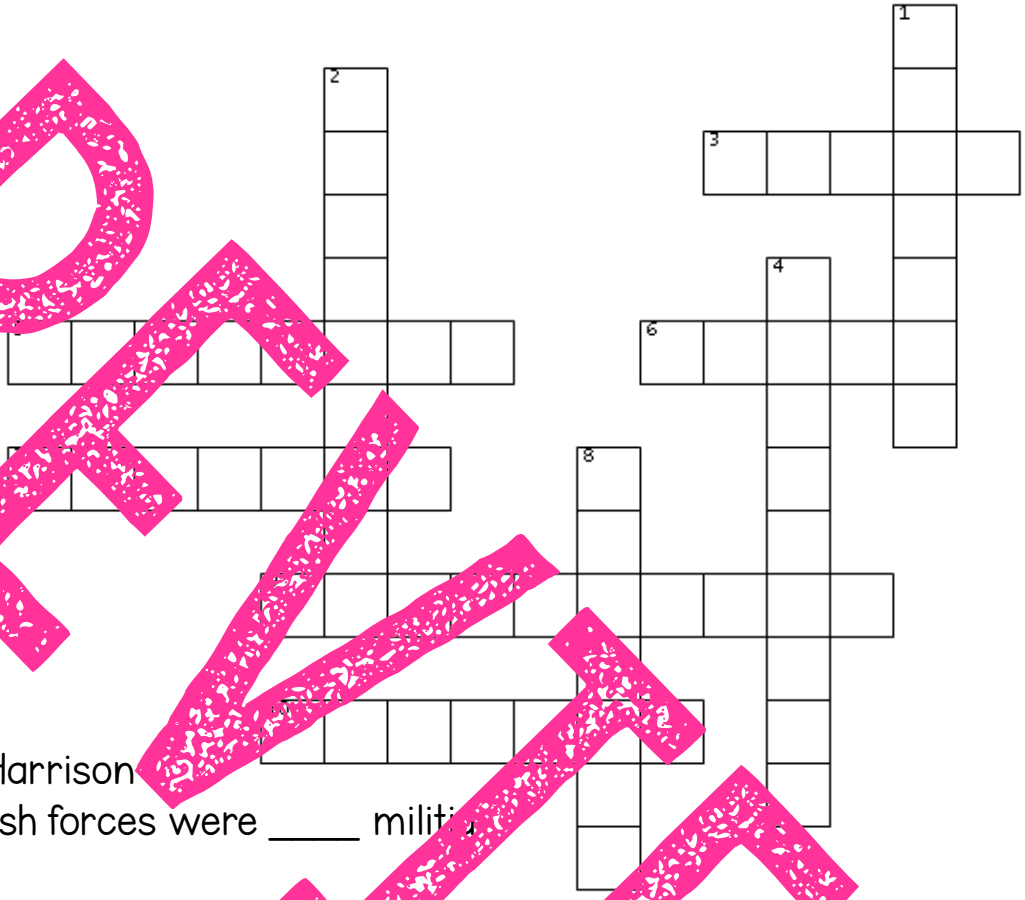
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TASK 3: CROSSWORD

Directions: Complete the crossword puzzle by reading the clues below and entering the correct response.





PREVIEW

ACROSS

3. William _____ Harrison
5. Most of the British forces were _____ militi[a] (volunteers)
6. The Treaty of ___ ended the W[ar] of 1[8]12
7. Last name of America's president d[ur]ing the War of 1812
9. The Battle of _____ was the final major b[attle]
10. _____ Scott Key wrote a poem called "The S[tar] Spangled Banner"

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1. During the Battle of York, American forces burned the city of _____
2. The city of Fort McHenry
4. Last name of Britain's Prime Minister at the time
8. Country where the Treaty of Ghent was signed



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TASK 6: SUMMARIZE

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