

ABOUT THIS PACKET

The 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	Using Close Reading strategies, students will use context clues to fill in the missing words in the reading passage. This will then be used as the main passage to use for the remaining tasks.
TASK 2: VOCABULARY	The vocabulary activity helps kids identify and understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
TASK 3: RESPOND	Students will choose from three writing prompts and write their answer to just one of them using complete sentences.
TASK 4: TRUE OR FALSE	Students complete this activity to show overall comprehension of the passage. They may refer back to the passage when necessary. In the end they add up the TRUE statements.
TASK 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE	For a quick formative check for understanding, students will answer 10 multiple choice questions.
TASK 6: WORD SEARCH	Students will search for key vocabulary words related to the topic. Several unused letters will spell out a secret message.
FINAL TASK: SUMMARY (OPTIONAL)	This is an optional summary graphic organizer to use if needed. Could be used for early finishers as an extension activity, or as a final check for understanding.
GRADE LEVEL	RANGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

TASK #1: FILL IN THE BLANK

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

unfair	1764	taxation
Boston	money	punish
paper	Stamp	New France

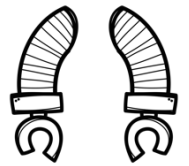
The Sons of Liberty were groups of colonists that first formed in _____. They protested against Britain and the unfair laws they forced on the American colonists. The groups formed after a series of events starting with the French and Indian War.

The French and Indian War began in 1754. The colonists would fight _____ to control America, and Great Britain sent troops to aid the colonists. Sending their troops and supplies meant that Britain went into great debt (owed _____). To pay off this debt, they began forcing taxes on the colonists without allowing them to have a say in Parliament (Britain's government).

One of those _____ laws was called the Stamp Act. It came in the form of a stamp that was required on all legal documents as well as almost every other printed _____ product. Some items that required a stamp were newspapers, contracts, and calendars. There were British agents (workers) stationed everywhere, requiring the stamps. The act was passed in March of 1765 by the British Parliament. Even though the colonists voiced their opinion that they did not believe this tax was fair, Britain did not listen to their concerns. The colonists would chant their motto "no _____ without representation", meaning they should not have to pay a tax when they didn't have someone speaking on their behalf in Parliament.

The first Sons of Liberty group was formed in _____ from an organized protest of the Stamp Act in 1765. The group was originally known as the Loyal Nine. They would try to force the British agents to leave their posts by threatening them. The group even used the tar and feather method to _____ or humiliate the government officials. Eventually, most of the stamp agents quit and left, and with continuous protests, Britain repealed (removed) the _____ Act in February of 1766.

TASK #4: TRUE OR FALSE

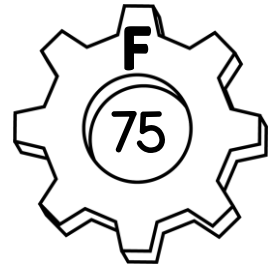
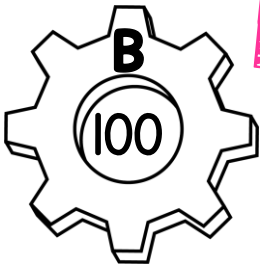


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Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the gear that corresponds to that question. If it is false, cross out the gear. When you are finished add the **TOTAL** of ALL TRUE gears.



A. The French and Indian War in 1764 was fought for the control of South America.

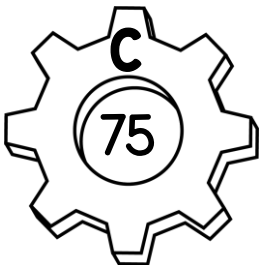


B. The Sons of Liberty were groups of colonists that first formed in 1764.

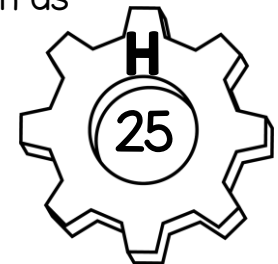


C. The Revolutionary War began in 1775 and was fought for independence from Great Britain.

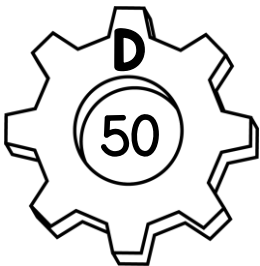
D. Debt means 'money owed'.



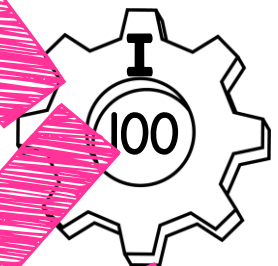
E. The Townshend Act required taxes on goods such as paint, lead, and glass.



F. The Sons of Liberty dumped 342 chests of tea into the water.



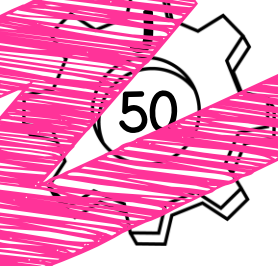
G. The British government is known as Parliament.



H. The Boston Tea Party occurred in 1770.



I. John Adams was America's third president.



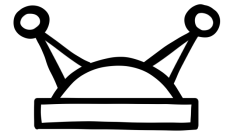
J. To boycott means to 'refuse to buy or use'.

TOTAL: _____

TASK #5: MULTIPLE CHOICE



Complete the multiple choice questions below by circling the correct answer.



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1. Who is known for his famous "Give me liberty or give me death" speech?

- A. Patrick Henry
- B. John Adams
- C. Paul Revere
- D. John Hancock

6. Who did the colonists fight in the French and Indian War?

- A. New France
- B. New Amsterdam
- C. New York
- D. New Spain

2. When did the Revolutionary War begin?

- A. 1770
- B. 1773
- C. 1775
- D. 1776

7. At the time, who was the King of England?

- A. King George II
- B. King James II
- C. King George III
- D. King James III

3. The Sons of Liberty adopted their own flag with ____ vertical stripes.

- A. 3
- B. 5
- C. 7
- D. 9

8. Which act required a tax on all legal documents?

- A. Quebec Act
- B. Coercive Act
- C. Intolerable Act
- D. Stamp Act

4. How many British ships were boarded to dump the tea?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

9. Who warned colonists that the British were coming?

- A. Rev. M.
- B. Henry
- C. Washington
- D. Adams

5. What word means 'to remove or cancel'?

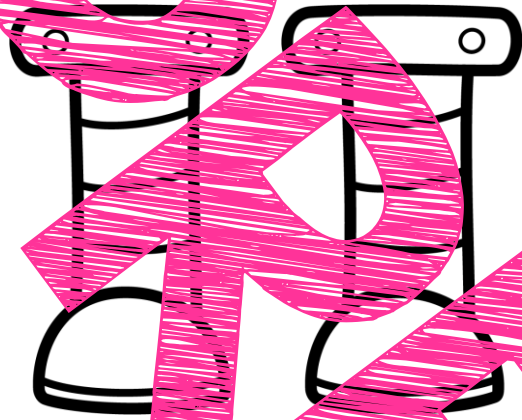
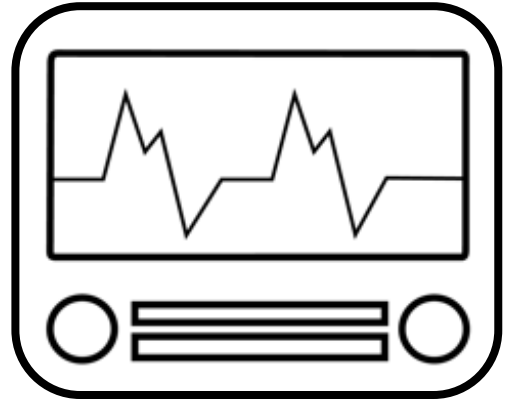
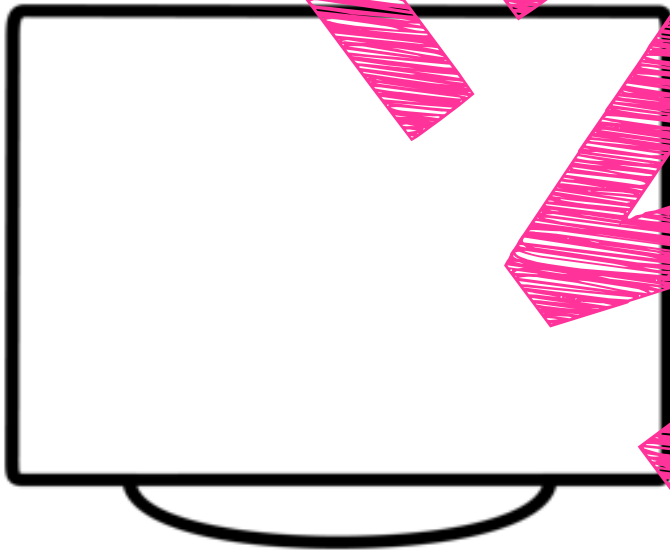
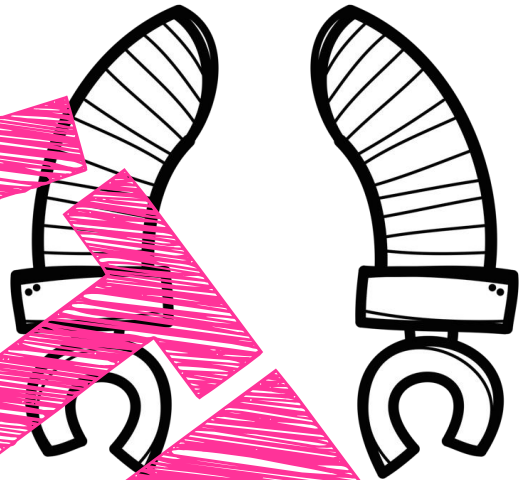
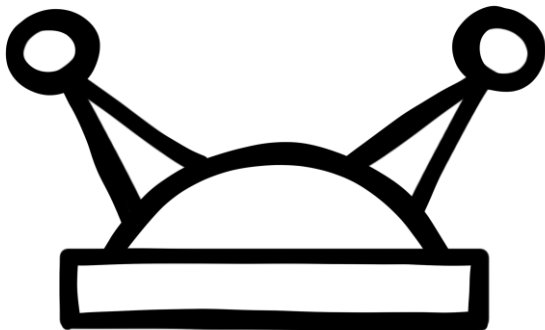
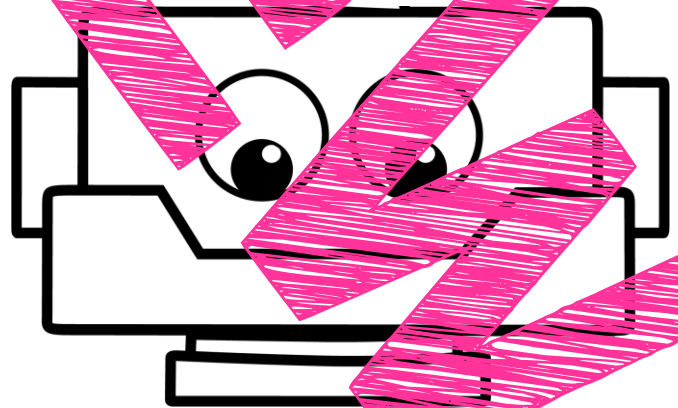
- A. Seize
- B. Boycott
- C. Repeal
- D. Flee

10. The Sons of Liberty was originally organized to protect the ____ Act.

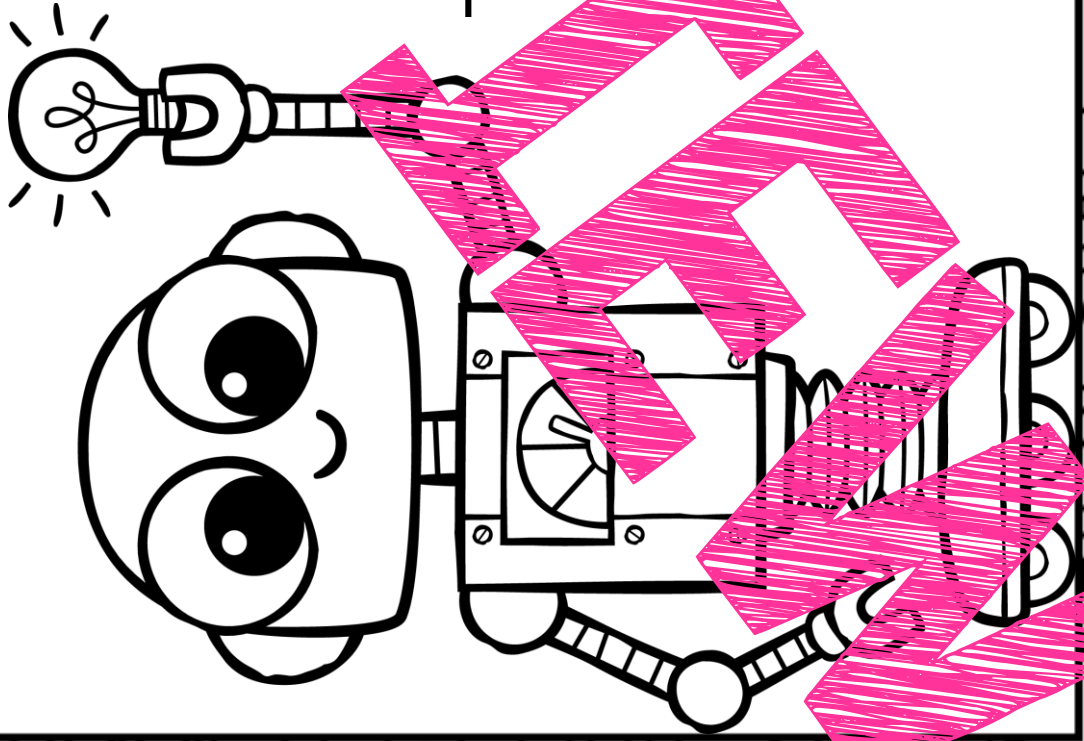
- A. Tea
- B. Sugar
- C. Stamp
- D. Townshend

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