

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 support the correct answer. Certain words are omitted, and students will use the word bank to find the correct answer.
TASK 2: VOCABULARY	The vocabulary activity helps kids understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
TASK 3: CROSSWORD	Students will reread 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 the final summary graphic organizer.
GRADE LEVEL	PASSAGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANK

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

peninsula	victory	tax
conquer	transport	navy
city	Athens	Hercules

The two most powerful city-states in Ancient Greece battled one another in the Peloponnesian Wars. The city of _____ led the Delian League, and the city of Sparta led the Peloponnesian League. The conflict was broken down into two wars with a period of _____ years of truce between, but most of the fighting occurred during the years 460 BCE-404 BCE. In total, the Peloponnesian Wars lasted 27 years.

The Peloponnesian War had three periods: the Archidamian War, the Peace of Nicias (421 BC), and the Ionian War, also called the Decelean War. The first Peloponnesian War lasted for 10 years. The war was named for the Peloponnesus, the _____ where Sparta was located.

Athens became wealthy due to the _____ they received from the Delian League. Pericles helped Athens become a powerful empire during his 30-year reign. He increased the size of the _____ and strengthened their defense walls, also known as Long Walls, and he died from a plague.

Conflict began because neither Athens nor Sparta wanted to work together. Athens and the city of Corinth were at the center of the first Peloponnesian War in 460 BCE. Corinth had tried to _____ their neighbor, but Athens fought to protect them. Sparta helped Corinth, but the conflict ended with an Athenian _____ and 27 years of relative peace.

Greek soldiers were called hoplites. Sparta prided itself on its warriors and military strength and believed they were descendants of the Greek god _____ . In fact, military service began at the age of seven, when young boys began to train to become a Spartan warrior. Athens, on the other hand, was skilled in naval battle.

In 432 BCE, there was conflict over trade routes and who could use which ports and waterways to _____ goods. Athens was using its military might to bully the people in charge of certain transportation routes to allow

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



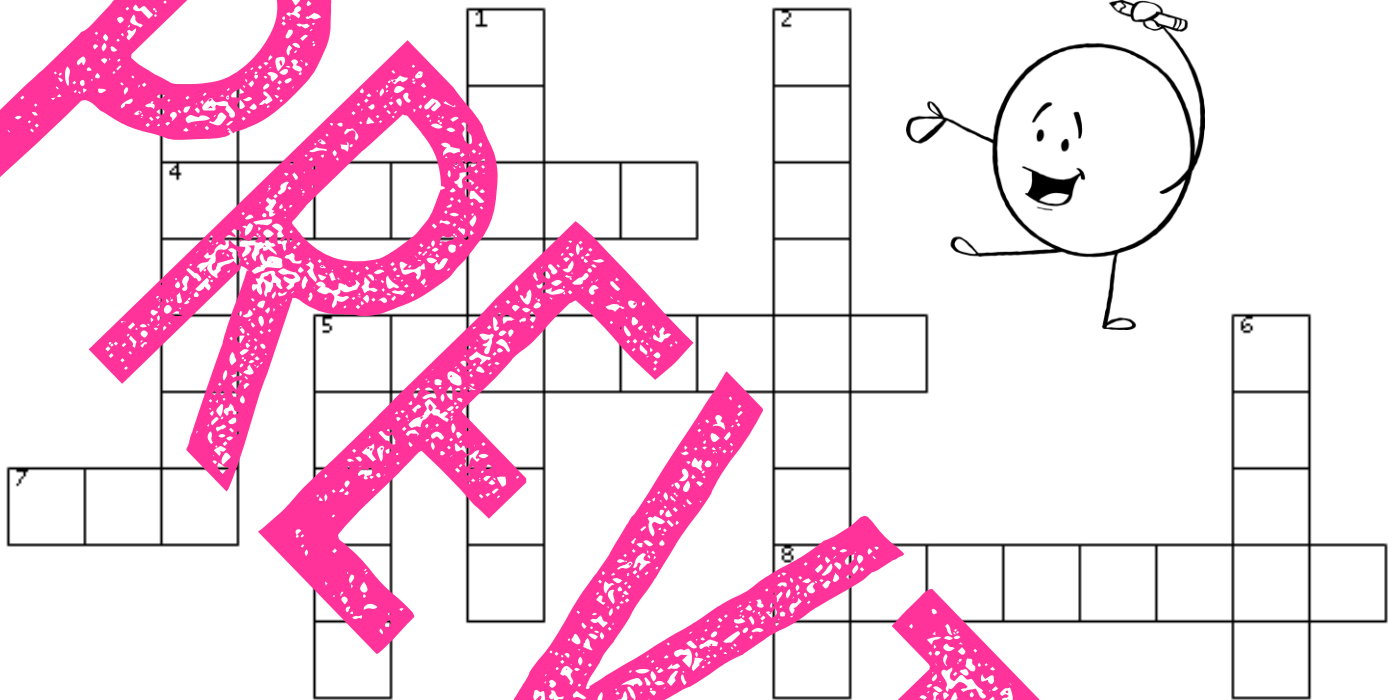
PICTURE



DEFINITION

TASK 3: CROSSWORD

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



ACROSS

4. Ban on trade
5. The Ionian War was also called the _____ War
7. The first Peloponnesian War lasted for _____ years
8. Greek soldiers were called _____

DOWN

1. _____ helped Athens become a powerful empire during his 30-year reign
2. The rule of a country by a small group of people
3. Athens led the _____ League
5. The Delian League was named for the small state of _____
6. In Sparta, military service began at the age of _____



TASK 6: SUMMARIZE



TOPIC SENTENCE



SUPPORTING DETAIL

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SUMMARY





SPARK SOME

creativity

**ESCAPE
ROOMS**

**SCAVENGER
HUNTS**

**SPY
MYSTERY**

**TEXT
DETECTIVE**

**SECRET
MESSAGES**

THINKTIVITY

BREAKOUTS

**READING
CHALLENGE**

**INTERACTIVE
NOTEBOOK**

**DIGITAL
ESCAPES**

**DIGITAL
BOARD
GAME**

**COLOR BY
NUMBER**

**TASK
CARDS
GAME**

**GOOGLE
SLIDES**

**GOOGLE
FORMS**

**PUZZLE
STATIONS**

**BOOM
CARDS**

BLOG